

Gov. Anoatubby to deliver keynote address

Red Earth event 'A Celebration of our Art and Culture'



Gov. Bill Anoatubby



Betty Price



Cpt. John Herrington

OKLAHOMA CITY - Bill Anoatubby, Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, is keynote speaker for the Annual Red Earth benefit dinner and fine art auction scheduled Thursday, December 14 at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

Red Earth's "A Celebration

of our Art and Culture" is an annual fundraising event benefiting the educational programs at Red Earth, Inc. A highlight of the evening includes an address from the Governor, and silent and live auctions of Native American art from leading Indian artists including Mike

Larsen, the 2006 Red Earth Honored One and Chickasaw citizen.

Honorary event chairman Betty Price, 2006 Red Earth

See Red Earth Benefit, page 15

Legislature okays new hospital financing

Construction of a new state-of-the-art Chickasaw Nation health care facility is tentatively scheduled to begin early next year.

This new \$135 million facility is designed to provide the highest quality health care.

"The Chickasaw people have made it abundantly clear that health care excellence is uppermost on their list of program needs, Gov. Bill Anoatubby said.

"Our proposed tribal health complex will fulfill the health care needs of our people by supplying the highest quality facilities, medical professionals and patient care to be found in the country."

In their October session,

Chickasaw Nation legislators approved a bond issue of up to \$90 million to help fund construction of the project.

Tribal businesses are expected to provide the remaining \$45 million. Business revenues will also be used to make the principal and interest payments on the bonds.

A bond issue is a common way for city, state and county governments to finance major projects. As more tribes achieve financial stability, there has been a steady increase in the number of tribes issuing bonds.

Former Chickasaw Nation

See Health Complex, page 15

Case, Morgan in Pontotoc runoff



Katie Case



Matthew Morgan

Katie Case and Matthew Morgan were the two top vote-getters in the 13-person Pontotoc District special legislative election.

Mrs. Case received 558 votes, and Mr. Morgan received 478 votes. The special election was called to fill Pontotoc District, Seat 3 following the September death of tribal legislator Mooniene Ogee.

Mrs. Case and Mr. Morgan now face off in a runoff election to determine who will represent Pontotoc District, Seat 3. The ballots for the runoff were mailed to Pontotoc District voters Nov. 20. All ballots must be returned by Dec. 12. The final results will be tallied Dec. 12.

Following Mrs. Case and Mr. Morgan in the race were: Melvin Burris, 447 votes; Dr. Debra Vaughn, 283; Jeannie Lunsford, 262; Carolyn Hill Nimmo, 200; Nancy Elliott, 164; Kay Colbert-Hall, 147; Robert Perry, 145; Norma Jean Cravatt-Prince, 125; Russ Stick, 120; Heath Allison, 106; Patricia A. Greenwood Cox, 92.

Season's Greetings

Season's Greetings to Chickasaws around the world!

We are truly blessed to be Chickasaw, and to be living in this time of our storied Chickasaw history. We are very fortunate, and we pray that the lives of our children, grandchildren and Chickasaw generations to come may be always blessed!

Special holiday wishes to our Chickasaw men and women serving around the world in our military. Bless them, their families, and the Chickasaw veterans who have served over the years. You are in our prayers.

To our treasured Chickasaw elders, may you enjoy much cheer and richness of spirit, and may you be blessed by the comfort of family and friends.

Let us keep those less fortunate in our prayers and thoughts. Let us remember that by helping others, we are promoting peace throughout the world.

Joyous holiday wishes and a blessed New Year to every Chickasaw family from those of us who serve you in your tribal government. Peace, joy and happiness to you.

God bless you, your family and our beloved tribe.

Sincerely,

Bill Anoatubby

Bill Anoatubby
Governor



Gov. Bill Anoatubby



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**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
October 20, 2006**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson Scott Colbert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

Members absent: Donna Hartman, Steve Woods

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: James A. Humes, Jeannie Lunsford, Sue Simmons, Hidene Gardner, N. Jeannie

Coplin, Russ Sticks, Melissa Walker, Barbara Goodman, Kerri McDonald, Paul Yates, Mike Watson, Wilma Watson

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 ELECTION OF OFFICERS, NOMINATION OF RECORDING SECRETARY AND SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Ms. Briggs nominated Mr. Scott Colbert as Chairperson. Ms. Green seconded the nomination. A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker that Mr. Scott Colbert be declared Chairperson by acclamation. All members were in favor of the motion.

Dr. Goforth Parker nominated Ms. Linda Briggs as Secretary. Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott seconded the nomination. A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker that nomination cease and Ms. Briggs be elected by acclamation. All members were in favor of the motion.

Chairperson Scott Colbert nominated Mrs. Doretta Sellers as Recording Secretary. Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott seconded the nomination. All members were in favor of Mrs. Sellers serving as Recording Secretary for the next year.

Chairperson Scott Colbert nominated Mr. Harold Stick as Sergeant-At-Arms. Mr. Tim Colbert seconded the nomination. All members were in favor of Mr. Stick serving as Sergeant-At-Arms for the next year.

AGENDA ITEM #5 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

AGENDA ITEM #6 READING OF MINUTES - September 19, 2006
September 15, 2006

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve the September 19, 2006 minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

10 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of September 19, 2006 carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve the September 15, 2006 minutes with an amendment on page five.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

10 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of September 15, 2006 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A)LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

Ms. Briggs gave the report in the absence of Mr. Woods.

General Resolution Number 24-001, Resolution in Support of American Military Personnel and Veterans

This resolution honors those individuals who are serving or have served in the armed forces of the United States. It thanks them for their dedicated sacrifices that we all may live free.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker

to approve GR24-001.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-001 carried unanimously.

Permanent Resolution Number 24-001, Amendments to Title 3, Chapter 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Beverage Control Act)

This resolution rescinds and repeals all sections of Title 3, Chapter 2 and approves and adopts new sections to be codified therein as the "Beverage Control Act of 2007." The new Beverage Control Act will meet all the current needs of the Chickasaw Nation and will satisfy all federal requirements. This resolution adds criminal statutes to Title 5 of the Chickasaw Nation Code for purposes of enforcing the Beverage Control Act of 2007.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR24-001.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus,

Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

9 yes votes

Member voting no: Judy Goforth Parker

1 no vote

The motion to approve PR24-001 carried.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs
General Resolution Number 24-002, Tribute to Legislator Mooniene Ogee

This resolution recognizes and acknowledges with great appreciation and admiration the loyalty and dedication of our colleague Legislator Mooniene Ogee for the enrichment and betterment of Oklahoma, the Chickasaw Nation, Chickasaw citizens and Indian people. Further, this resolution approves a donation in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) from its unobligated budgetary funds to the Chickasaw Foundation, each year for ten (10) years, in the name of Mooniene Ogee, to be awarded by the Chickasaw Foundation as a scholarship for a student majoring in education.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR24-002.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-002 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 24-003, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc., Mr. Steve Woods

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Steve

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'A Seat at the Drum'

Chickasaw composer writes score for PBS documentary



Jerod Tate

Chickasaw composer Jerod Tate composed the score for "A Seat at the Drum," which aired on PBS in November.

The program is the first part of a two-part documentary exploring many of the issues facing American Indians in rural and urban settings today.

In "A Seat at the Drum," journalist Mark Anthony Rolo (Bad River Ojibwe) travels to Los Angeles to learn how Native Americans there cope with the pressures of a federal relocation

program.

Tate, a classical composer who incorporates his Chickasaw heritage into his compositions, has enjoyed considerable success in his young career. He lives in Colorado, but returns to Ada each year to teach composition at the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy.

"Jerod is a very talented composer who is doing a great deal to foster an appreciation for Chickasaw culture in the world of fine arts," said Bill Anoatubby, Governor of the Chickasaw Nation. "He is also very generous with his time, working with Chickasaw students and other young people to help them develop their own talents."

In October of this year, Tate played a prominent role in "Classical Native," a first of its kind event at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

Tate participated in virtually every aspect of the event, which included a series of recitals, chamber concerts, and

discussions featuring American Indian classical composers and musicians.

The Sept. 21, 2005 Kennedy Center premier of one of Tate's compositions entitled "Iholba," received rave reviews.

"Iholba is the (Chickasaw) word for a vision of something – it's like an image that you see," said Tate in an interview prior to the premiere. "To me, it's called the vision."

Gail Wein of *the Washington Post* wrote "Tate is rare as a Native American composer of classical music. Rarer still is his ability to effectively infuse classical music with Native American nationalism."

Tate came by his musical abilities quite naturally.

His father, Charles, is a classically trained pianist and vocalist, while his mother, Patricia, is a professor of dance and a choreographer.

"My dad was a phenomenal pianist and vocalist," said Tate. "To this day he still performs vocally, which is really nice. He

is the one who got me started on the piano.

"When I was eight years old he got me going and I started taking off and it was really clear to me that I wanted to be a musician."

After earning his bachelor's degree in piano performance, his career took another turn after his mother commissioned him to compose the music for an original ballet based on American Indian music from the northern plains and Rocky Mountains.

"That just completely blasted open a whole new door for me in composition and I knew right away that I wanted to compose and I wanted to compose as an Indian composer," said Tate. "That was really important to take that specific path."

"I had decided that I wanted everything that I do as a composer to be related to either my tribe or other Indian tribes."

Tate's works have been performed by the National Symphony Orchestra, Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra, the Buf-

falo Philharmonic Orchestra, the Colorado Ballet, The New Mexico Symphony, the Dale Warland Singers and the Oklahoma City University Wind Philharmonic, to name a few.

He holds commissions from the National Symphony Orchestra; The Joyce Foundation; Christine Bailey, principal flute of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra; the American Composers Forum; James VanDemark, double bass faculty for the Eastman School of Music; the New Jersey Chamber Music Society; Native Earth Performing Arts Society; the Dale Warland Singers;

Tate has been commissioned to compose a work for the opening of the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

He is also composer-in-residence at the Grand Canyon Music Festival's Native American Music Apprentice program.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Donors, volunteers honored by Chickasaw Foundation

The Chickasaw Foundation honored donors and volunteers at the annual Friends of the Foundation luncheon.

"It is a celebration of giving," said Chickasaw Foundation Board Chairman Kennedy Brown said.

Honorees sat at candle-lit tables as they watched a presentation showing the impact of their generosity.

Phyllis Avanzini, Doretta Sellers, David Ballard, Dr. Jo Ben-

son Sears and Chickasaw Nation Health System maintenance employees were all honored at the celebration.

Both David Ballard and Doretta Sellers received Volunteer of the Year awards. Dr. Sears received Philanthropist of the Year; Phyllis Avanzini received Employee Charitable Contribution Plan Donor of the Year; and CNHS maintenance received Volunteer Group of the Year.

Dr. Sears, Philanthropist of

the Year, of West Texas said she and her husband Frank Sears just wanted to make a difference. The couple established and a new scholarship, the Janie Hardwick Benson scholarship, this year.

"This gave me the opportunity to honor my grandmother and help others," said Dr. Sears, a gerontologist specializing in Alzheimer's.

Dr. Sears said it was important

to educate our people to insure greater success in the future.

"If we kind of homegrow our people, we have more of a chance of keeping our experience and expertise with the Chickasaw Nation," Dr. Sears said.

The Chickasaw Foundation is a non-profit organization founded in 1971 to help promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people.

This year, 37 scholarships were available through the foundation totaling \$54,000, nearly double the amount last year.

New scholarships for 2007 include the Janie Hardwick Benson Memorial Scholarship and the Ataloa Memorial Scholarship, with more to be added in late December.

Contributed by Kandis Murdock, tribal media relations.



Philanthropist of the year Dr. Jo Benson Sears and her husband Frank Sears.



From left, David Ballard, Doretta Sellers, Dr. Jo Benson Sears, Phyllis Avanzini and Paul Elliott accept awards from the Chickasaw Foundation.

New health programs focusing on remote Chickasaws



Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Greetings and Merry Christmas from Legislator Mary Jo

Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Health Care Committee! This year has passed by so quickly and so many plans have been developed for health care services to all our Chickasaws who live outside the Nation. I hope you have all learned about those services and are aware that a toll-free number exists for your use 1-800-851-9136. More information is also available on our web site www.chickasaw.net.

Sandi Sanders, Director of Tribal Health, and Chickasaw Nation Health System Administrator Bill Lance gave a Power-Point presentation and spoke to the Health Care Committee this

month regarding services for Chickasaws who live outside the Nation. A new program began on October 1 which allows all Chickasaws over 60 and under 18 to send their eyeglass prescription to Oklahoma Optical, which is owned by the Chickasaw Nation, for the glasses to be made. Frame selections are on our web site. Choose the frame before going to your doctor so you can tell him the name and number of your frame and your doctor will then write the correct prescription. The program will pay \$125 toward the cost of the glasses. This benefit is available to qualified participants every two years. This program is cur-

rently available only to Chickasaws over 60 or under 18 years of age; however, beginning on June 1, 2007, it will be available to all Chickasaws regardless of their age or location.

Administrator Bill Lance submits the following statistics: In the month of October, 2006, there were 205 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 15,564. October Emergency Room visits were 1,007. October saw 267 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,510 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 4,578 patients in October. The Ardmore Clinic

saw 3,546 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,217. The Durant Clinic saw 2,574 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 1,516 in October.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year!! May you all enjoy good health. I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next month, thank you.

Sesquicentennial filming transports us back in history



Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Seasons Greetings!

I know that as a Nation, the Chickasaw Nation, we are blessed. I recently had the opportunity to participate in an infomercial for the Chickasaw Nation during our sesquicentennial. My job was to memorize a short statement about the constitution, and memorize I did; perfectly.

What I was not prepared for was that my memorized statement was to be quoted while standing in the original council house for the Chickasaw Nation, which also dates back 150 years. It was in this building that our forefathers signed the article of the constitution for the Chickasaw Nation.

I would imagine that they had no idea of the significance of that one act. When Cyrus Harris

and others signed the constitution in that little one room council house, how could they ever have imagined the impact that it would have on us?

I stood in that very same edifice, talking about the constitution, talking about the foresight of this group of men, and I was moved. I did not get emotional

visibly because I was being filmed, but in my heart, I was emotional.

I am thankful during this season for who we are as Chickasaws. I am thankful for the services that we provide for Chickasaw citizens, and I am also thankful for being able to serve you, the great Chickasaw

Nation.

Thank you for your input over the past year. I have received e-mails from many of you, and that is very important in the job that I have. In fact, that is the job that I have, serving and communicating with you.

My prayer for our Nation is that God will continue to bless

us, and that we too will be a blessing to Him.

I look forward to your future communications.

Yours sincerely,

Judy Goforth Parker, PhD,
RN

Chickasaw Legislator
Pontotoc District, Seat 2

Education blesses Chickasaw students each day



Wanda Blackwood Tippit Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

The blessings we enjoy as Chickasaws may be particularly apparent this time of year as we give thanks for our families, friends and lives.

However, I believe it is true that we Chickasaws are blessed every day of the year. This becomes very apparent when we review our progress in the area

of education.

As your tribal legislator and chair of the education committee, I come into contact every day with Chickasaws who are making better careers and better lives through educational achievement. We can be proud of our exceptional students, and of our beloved tribe, which places such emphasis on academics and career training.

For the Fall term, we have provided funding for literally hundreds of Chickasaw students. We have funded 435 college undergraduates and 52 graduate students with tuition and attendant assistance. A total of 425 full-time students have received textbook assistance, and 297 full-timers have received clothing grants.

These programs are really making a positive difference! It is wonderful to talk with our students and get the real story on the strides they are making

every day!

In addition to the college programs discussed above, we have a unique recruitment and retention program at East Central University in Ada. Our people stay in touch with our Chickasaw ECU students, providing help and guidance to give each student the very best chance of success.

We currently have 51 students in GED classes and 38 in senior citizen classes. Our career technology and training development program is funding 32 students as they learn trades and vocations.

I am blessed to have a role in our education efforts. Our tribe makes education a priority, and it is making for excellent

results!

I want to say a special "thank you" to all the wonderful people who helped me during my recent campaign. So many called and visited on my behalf. You are all truly appreciated, and I will do my very best to be the type of progressive legislator you expect.

Thank you also to all Chickasaws who voted in the Pickens District election. I appreciate you participating in both the general election and the runoff election. Your participation in our process is what helps make the Chickasaw Nation the very best!

Peace and many blessings to you and your family this Christmas season.



Commitment to new hospital reflects needs of the people



Linda Briggs
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hi, Everybody!
We've passed Thanksgiving and what a number of gifts there

are for which we Chickasaws have to be thankful! And the list continually grows longer!

Progress for the new hospital continues. At the last Legislative session a resolution was approved for the sale of the bonds to finance approximately two-thirds of the cost. Ninety million dollars will be from the sale of the bonds and our "down payment" is the other 45 million – kind of an impressive down payment!! To sell the bonds we as a tribe are carefully scrutinized by the issuing financial institution for financial stability. Our financial rating is next to the highest rating it is possible to achieve. And the rating is

not just for Indian tribes – it is for the stability of the business foundation of the organization. It is an incredible achievement and one for which a great deal of planning and actions based on prudent business management are responsible.

The hospital is a necessity if we are to continue the progressive path we are on in offering services to our people. The present health care facility is handling more than ten times the patient load for which it was constructed. Had we not made the decision to build a new hospital facility we would very soon be facing the decision of either curtailing services offered

or forced to impose a blood quantum limit for the services received.

It is everyone's hope and certainly the unshakable intention that we never have to impose the blood quantum limit again. We simply are at a point where we must assume the responsibility of taking care of our people. Already the waiting time for an appointment is lengthy, the reason being there is no room for more doctors and the ones we have hit the status of "overload" quite some time ago!

We are one of the very few tribes that does not impose a blood quantum limit for services received. A baby born today can

receive as much and as many services as a full blood except for the difference in the burial grant. (The full blood would receive more money).

The bonds will be issued on a twenty-five year payback but the intention is to have it paid back in ten years. It was a momentous decision but the only one to be made with the best interests of the Chickasaw people in consideration.

It is my hope that the Christmas Season will be wonderful and wondrous for each and every one of you. God bless you!

Linda Briggs

Panola District looking forward to addition of CHR



Beth Alexander
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Merry Christmas! I hope this holiday season is a blessing for you and your family. I know we all agree that this is one of the busiest times of the year. No time to relax just hurry, hurry, hurry. This is the first year in a long time that I am looking forward to the holidays. (I shopped early!)

Attention Panola District Senior Citizens! There is a new **CHR** on the horizon. At the beginning of the new-year, we hope to have a new **Community Health Representative** to cover our district. The CHR would be available at the Nutrition Site in Achille. He/She will make house calls, provide information on services, do minor health checkups, assist with filling out forms, and be available to answer any questions. If you are a senior, reside in the Chickasaw

Nation boundaries, and are interested in this service, contact the Nutrition Site in Achille after the first of the year (580) 283-3108 or 283-3409.

Ideas and opportunities concerning the Neurocare system have been developing. Nothing to share as of yet but I'll keep you posted. (See Aug06/Nov06) Last month I mentioned being invited to visit the Lifestyles Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma. Since then, possibilities have developed that may allow our Chickasaw medical staff and the Lifestyles staff to team up on various diabetes programs and work together. Sounds exciting, doesn't it?

In the last edition of the Chickasaw Times I noted an Obituary for Jessie Lynch. When I was placed in office as a Legislator, Jessie was one of the first people that took me under her wing. She was kind, patient, and willing to answer any questions I might have. Jessie and her husband, Kenneth, would drive all the way from Duncan to Achille to show their support by attending a dinner or function for Chickasaw people. She will be missed but I consider myself blessed to have been able to serve with her in the Tribal Legislature.

Recently I was invited to speak at the Temple of God Church in Connerville, Oklahoma. It was a neat time of sharing and the homemade food was excellent! The people were

kind, encouraging, and such a blessing. I can't wait for more opportunities like that one!

At the last of November, I was able to attend the Denver, Colorado Community Council meeting. It was nice to meet other Chickasaw citizens. There was a meal, discussion of Chickasaw businesses, and at large services being offered to the Chickasaw people living outside the Nation. If you did not receive a packet with information on the out of boundaries services or would like to have more information, please contact the tribe at this toll free number 1-866-466-1481.

May you and your family be

Rep in Chickasha on November 20

CHICKASHA, Okla. - A Chickasaw Nation representative will be in Chickasha on December 18 to answer questions about tribal programs.

For more information, or to apply for tribal elderly energy assistance, tribal emergency utility assistance, energy assistance, community health representatives, or other programs, visit Bettie Black at Oklahoma Workforce, 301 S. 2nd Street from 3 to 5 p.m.

A tribal representative will be available for questions at Oklahoma Workforce the third Monday of each month.

For more information, call (405) 527-6667.

blessed this Holiday Season and in the New-Year,

Beth Alexander, Panola District Legislator
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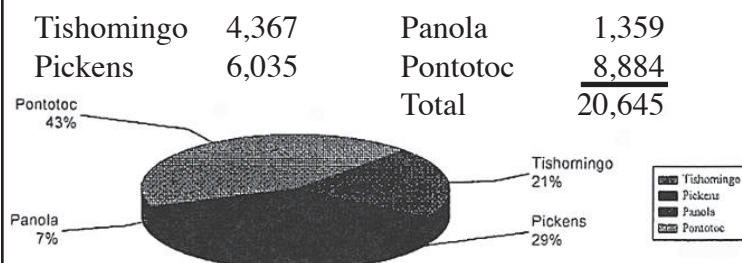
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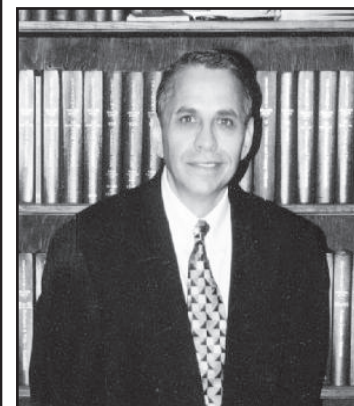
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For information on services or help with questions, call toll-free 1-866-466-1481.

Count of Voters by District



Colbert hosts open house at Tish clinic every first Wednesday



D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Legislator Scott Colbert will have an open office for Legislature business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.

Small community, big enjoyment at Achille Senior Site



Meredith Benson checks Mary Cox's blood pressure.

With a population peaking at a little over 500, Achille, Oklahoma may be considered a "small town" by most.

But there is one thing this little town isn't short on - big characters. And most of them can be found at the Chickasaw Nation's Senior Site.

There are two reasons these fine folks frequent the senior hang out - good food and lots of fun. Any visitor that stops in is sure to get well fed and well entertained.

"We have a lot of fun," said site member Barbara Beshirs. "You never know what (some-

one) might say."

There is never a shortage of jokes and stories and tales. Now, some of them are taller than others, but it's hard to tell the difference when these seniors get to lamenting.

The reason for all this fun? The seniors at Achille genuinely enjoy each other.

Whether it's on a recent trip to Branson, a van ride to Ada or just during lunch, this group of long-time friends will make out of point of having a good time and enjoying each other's company.

"We had a really good time (in

Branson)," site manager Melba Love said. "We have a good time no matter where we go."

And there's always room for more. The site offers computer classes and hosts dinners and bake sales. The members work on arts and crafts and take yearly trips together. There are plenty of ways for someone to get involved.

But, it seems, there are a couple of requirements new members need - a good appetite and a good sense of humor.

Neither is hard to acquire at the Achille Senior Site.

These folks will welcome anyone. It doesn't take long to feel right at home with this bunch.

After all, big characters aren't the only big things found in this small town - there are plenty of big hearts too.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.



Achille Senior Site member Barbara Beshirs helps serve lunch. Many of the seniors visit the site each day for a nice, warm meal.



Joyce Nichols and Wanda Connelly spend some time on the computers at the senior site. The seniors are able to take computer classes and are currently learning how to create PowerPoint presentations.

2006-2007 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

<u>Pontotoc District</u> Seat #	<u>Pickens District</u> Seat #	<u>Tishomingo District</u> Seat #
1. Holly Easterling HCR 64 Box 241 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 399-4002 hollye@cableone.net	1. David Woerz P.O. Box 669 Ardmore, OK 73402 (580) 504-0160	1. D. Scott Colbert P.O. Box 773 Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 622-3960
2. Judy Parker 20565 CR3560 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-3840	2. Donna Hartman HC 66, Box 122 Overbrook, OK 73448 (580) 226-4385	2. Tim Colbert P.O. Box 773 Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 993-2818
3. (Open due to death of legislator Mooniene Ogee)	3. Linda Briggs 400 NW 4th Marietta, OK 73448 (580) 276-3493	3. Steven Woods Route 1, Box 430A Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 622-3523
4. Dean McManus 5980 CR 3430 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 759-3407	4. Wanda Blackwood Scott Route 1, Box 42 Elmore City, OK 73433 (580) 788-4730 scottides@telepath.com	<u>Panola District</u> Seat #
5. Mary Jo Green 2000 E. 14th Place Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-2394		1. Beth Alexander Box 246 Achille, OK 74720 (580) 283-3409

Committee Reports

Education Committee

Nov. 6, 2006

Present: Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

Absent: Wanda Blackwood Scott

Finance Committee

Nov. 6, 2006

Present: Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Finance Committee

Nov. 13, 2006

Present: Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Tim Colbert, Scott Colbert

Absent: Judy Goforth Parker

Health Committee

Nov. 6, 2006

Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Scott Colbert

Absent: Tim Colbert, Wanda Blackwood Scott

Human Resources Committee

Nov. 6, 2006

Present: Dean McManus, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

Absent: Donna Hartman

Land Development Committee

Nov. 6, 2006

Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Beth Alexander, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Legislative Committee

Nov. 6, 2006

Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman

Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee

Nov. 6, 2006

Present: Linda Briggs, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Scott Colbert

Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman

November 2006 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 24 - 004

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Garvin County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Paoli, Garvin County, Oklahoma, described as: A tract of land in the N/2 NW/4 NE/4 of Section 16, Township 4 North, Range 1 West, I.B.M., Garvin County, OK, further described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said N/2 NW/4 NE/4, Thence N89E56'00" E, along the section line, a distance of 717.26 feet to the point of beginning; Thence S 00E04'00" E a distance of 85.00 feet; Thence S 89E56'00" W, along I-35 Highway right-of-way a distance of 190.43 feet; Thence S 01E30'56" E, along said Highway right-of-way a distance of 575.37 feet to a point on the South line of said N/2 NW/4 NE/4; said point located 540.74 feet East of the Southwest/corner of said N/2 NW/4 NE/4; Thence N 89E56'00" E, along the South line of said N/2 NW/4 NE/4 a distance of 783.12 feet to the Southeast/corner of said N/2 NW/4 NE/4; Thence N 00E05'51" W, along the East line of said N/2 NW/4 NE/4 a distance of 660.19 feet to the Northeast/corner of said N/2 NW/4 NE/4; Thence South 89E56'00" W a distance of 20.00 feet; Thence S 00E05'51" E a distance of 294.70 feet; Thence N 89E01'56" W, along an existing fence line, a distance of 177.26 feet; Thence N 16E49'00" W, along said fence line, a distance of 304.42 feet to the North line of said N/2 NW/4 NE/4; Thence S 89E56'00" W, along the section line, a distance of 322.08 feet to the point of beginning, containing approximately 10 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor, The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Judy

Goforth Parker, Committee Chair Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

No votes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

General Resolution Number 24-009

Approval of Development Budget Amendment

Explanation: There is a need for a new facility to house the Legislative Department of the Chickasaw Nation. For many years the Legislature has been conducting business in the David Stout Building. This building provided the Tribal Legislature with its own facility for the first time since before statehood. Now the needs of the Legislative Department can be better served with a new, modern facility designed to utilize the advances of architectural design and technology of the 21st century.

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget in the amount of \$4,784,949 for the construction of the New Legislative Building.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Holly Easterling, Committee Chair Finance Committee

Yes votes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

No votes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

General Resolution Number 24-010

Authorization for Issuance of Bonds – CNHS Health Complex

Explanation: This resolution authorizes the incurring of indebtedness in the principal amount of not to exceed \$90,000,000 and the issuance of the Chickasaw Nation revenue bonds (CNHS Health Complex) (the "Bonds"); providing for the purpose for which the Bonds may be issued; authorizing the sale and delivery of Bonds; authorizing a Bond Indenture and other documents as may be necessary or required; authorizing

the limited waiver of sovereign immunity of the Chickasaw Nation in connection with the Bonds; providing for the compliance with applicable federal law relating to the exclusion from gross income for federal taxation purposes of interest on the Bonds; containing other provision relating thereto.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor, The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Holly Easterling, Committee Chair Finance Committee

Yes votes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

No votes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

General Resolution Number GR24-012

Oil and Gas Lease in Bryan County

Tribal Tract No. 378-A

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of R. D. Williams & Company, P. O. Box 516, Ardmore, Oklahoma 73402, has submitted an acceptable bid of \$217.76 per acre for a total bonus of \$5,360.39, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$590.10, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations described as an undivided ½ mineral interest in and to the West 3.31 acres of the South 13.31 acres of Lot 3 of Section 34, Township 6 South, Range 8 East, Bryan County, Oklahoma, containing 3.31 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$4.97, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$1.24 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number GR24-013

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Carter County

24-014

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma, described as follows:

All that part of the NW/4 lying South and West of the center line of the Washita River in Section 9, Township 3 South, Range 3 East of the Indian Meridian, Carter County, Oklahoma, containing 159.587 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

This resolution corrects the legal description and replaces General Resolution 23-057.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor, The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number

24-014

Tribute to Legislator Mooniene Ogee
Explanation: This resolution recognizes and acknowledges with great appreciation and admiration the loyalty and dedication of our colleague Legislator Mooniene Ogee for the enrichment and betterment of Oklahoma, the Chickasaw Nation, Chickasaw citizens and Indian people.

Further, this resolution approves a donation in the amount of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) from its unobligated budgetary funds to the Chickasaw Foundation, in the name of Mooniene Ogee, to be awarded by the Chickasaw Foundation as scholarships for students majoring in education. This is to be administered by the Chickasaw Foundation as a perpetual scholarship upon the requirements attached hereto.

Still further, this resolution rescinds, repeals and replaces GR24-002.

Requested By: Linda Briggs, Legislator

Presented By: Holly Easterling, Committee Chair Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Holiday Sale 30 Choctaw Hymns

(Old & New Tunes)

Performed by Boiling Springs United Methodist Church
Lula, OK

Cost: Senior citizens, \$17 each; Others, \$20 each
(add \$2 for postage if purchasing two or less)
(if purchasing more than two, please call)

Contact Jeff Frazier (580) 272-7787 for more information.
Mail payment to: Boiling Springs Church, 13900 CR 1554,
Ada, OK 74820

Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop

401 Chamber Loop, Ada, OK
(580) 436-1007

SW jewelry, dream catchers, caps and lots of Chickasaw items. Shop the Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop for all your gift giving items!

Red Ribbon Week celebrates anti-drug message



Participants of all ages gathered for the Red Ribbon Week Fun Walk in Ada. The group took a three-mile walk on the city walk path in support of intolerance of illegal drug use.



Several children and families participated in the Red Ribbon Week Family Fun Day. The event included games, booths, demonstrations, rides and give-aways.

ADA, Okla. - In a ceremony at Chickasaw Nation Headquarters, approximately 40 Head Start students joined Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel in tying red ribbons on the headquarters flag poles. The ribbons represent a pledge to avoid and eliminate illegal drugs.

The ceremony took place in conjunction with National Red Ribbon Week, October 23 - 31. This event is a way for people and communities to unite and take a visible stand against drugs. The mission of the Red Ribbon Campaign is to present a unified and visible commitment toward the creation of a drug-

free America.

"This is our way of showing our support for Red Ribbon Week and the Red Ribbon Campaign," Gov. Anoatubby said. "We want to take a firm stance against the use and abuse of illegal drugs, not only in the Chickasaw Nation, but in our communities and our state."

The Chickasaw Nation had several other Red Ribbon events throughout the week. The Lighthorse Police Department made special presentations at area schools. The martial arts program sponsored a kick-a-thon in several Oklahoma cities. Red ribbons were distributed to area schools to be handed out to hundreds of students.

A Red Ribbon Fun Walk took place at the Ada Walk Path. Community members of all ages took part in the three mile walk to support the Red Ribbon Campaign.

A Red Ribbon Family Run Day was also conducted in Ada. The event included hayrides, a moon bounce, face and hair painting, game booths, an obstacle course, balloons, drinks, cooking demonstrations, K-9 Police Unit demonstrations, drug awareness information and more.

Several Chickasaw Nation departments collaborated to make the Red Ribbon Week events possible.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.



Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, right, and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel visit with Head Start students at the Red Ribbon Week ceremony at the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters. The ceremony kicked off a week of events planned to educate and encourage the intolerance of illegal drug use.

Chickasaw Nation Industries seeks workers for new facility

In November, Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. (CNI) announced the opening of a Medicare Secondary Payer Customer Relations Center in Oklahoma City. The Customer Relations Center is scheduled to open in January, 2007 and is expected to employ 120 over the next six months. In 2006, CNI was voted one of the Best Places to Work in Oklahoma recognizing it as an exemplary workplace.

CNI will offer competitive wages starting at \$13/hour and a comprehensive benefits package that includes: medical, dental, vision, 401 (k), paid holidays and vacation time after 30 days. Hours of

operation will be Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Excellent growth opportunities will be available for motivated employees, and management positions are being staffed for the most experienced and qualified applicants.

Interested applicants are strongly encouraged to submit an application online at www.chickasaw.com. The job codes for online application are CRA-I OK-008, CRA-II OK-009 and CRA-III OK-010. Excellent customer services skills are required and Medicare/medical billing experience is preferred. A high school diploma or GED equivalent is required for consideration for all positions.

Ardmore Head Start's Ross receives Child Development Associate credentials

Brandi Ross of the Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Head Start has been awarded Child Development Associate (CDA) Credentials in recognition of outstanding work with young children. The credentials were awarded by the Council of Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C., which represents the early childhood education profession.

CDA is the only major national effort to improve early childhood education and care by evaluation and recognition of the skills of individuals providing care. The first Credential was awarded 30 years ago, and

now 48 states plus the District of Columbia include CDA in their childcare licensing regulations.

Parents who use early education and care are especially concerned, today, about their children's welfare. With this in mind, as part of the CDA assessment process, every candidate for the CDA Credential is observed working with young children or families by an early childhood professional. In addition, the candidate must demonstrate the ability to work with families to develop children's physical and intellectual capabilities in a safe and healthy learning environment.

The CDA Credential is having a positive effect on the quality of early childhood education and care. Its impact is evident in center-based and home visitor programs as well as family childcare, the most common form of care for children under five years old.

Childcare staff and parents wanting information on CDA should write to the Council for Professional Recognition at 2460 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009-3575, or call the Council at (202) 265-9090 or (800) 424-4310.

Chickasaw actor part of 'A Song of Winter' cast in Tulsa

The American Indian Theater Company (AITCO) celebrated it's 30th Anniversary with the recent completion of a successful Mahenwahdose production of "What's A Christopher Columbus," starring the playwright Will Hill and Native actress Jehnean Washington at the Tulsa Performing Arts Center in Tulsa.

Monetta Trepp, Board President of AITCO, is announcing that the production is being followed in December by another original comedy by Hill, entitled "A Song of Winter." The play is a funny, heart-warming story of Christmas in Indian Country....a must for all families and all ages this Christmas Season. "The play will provide

an entertainment opportunity for Oklahomans and their out-of-town relatives and friends who visit during the Christmas season to experience comedy the 'Indian' way, in addition to Christmas carols in Native languages by a talented ensemble cast of Oklahoma Native Americans," said Hill, Artistic Director for Mahenwahdose.

"A Song of Winter," will feature well-knowns such as the playwright Will Hill, (full-blood Muscogee), actress Jehnean Washington (Cherokee, Seminole, Yuchi and Shoshone), Robert Cheadle (Chickasaw) and Mike Buckendorf (Creek). The play will be co-directed by Hill and Washington, well known in the Tulsa area for their

comedic skills.

Opening night will be at 8 p.m. in the Liddy Doenges Theater, Tulsa Performing Arts Center, Tulsa, on Friday, December 15, 2006, followed by 8 p.m. performances on December 16, 21, 22 and 23, and a 2 p.m. Matinee on Sunday, December 17. Tickets will be \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students and seniors, and \$3.50 for children. The price will be \$6.50 for adults in groups of 10. For information regarding the performance, please call the American Indian Theater Company in Tulsa, 918-838-3875, and for ticket information, call the Tulsa Performing Arts Center Ticket Office at 918-596-7111 or go to the website, tulsapac.com.

Come join us as we gather traditions, and our songs, as we around the fire and share the have a Happy Holiday! voices of our ancestors, our

Senior Thanksgiving



Chickasaw Nation senior citizens, Molsie Palmer, left, and Lillian Brashier met at church while in their early teens. Chickasaw Nation sponsored events like the senior citizens Thanksgiving dinner have enabled them to continue their 65-year friendship.

Photo by Donna Carlton, digital design & development.

Tribal businesses generate strong first-month FY revenues

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Business revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and Lt. governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education

scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the current year. Depreciation will be computed after year end in connection with the audit.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending October 31, 2006

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations totaled \$5.6 million year-to-date. Expenditures for the month were \$1.7 million. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2005, of \$82.5 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for October totaled \$52 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$13 million. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capi-

tal projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$3.5 million. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At October 31, 2006, the tribal government funds had \$55 million in cash and investments. Of

this amount, \$10.1 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$107 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of October 31, 2006, tribe

operations, excluding federal program funding, had assets totaling \$613 million with \$120 million in payables resulting in net assets of \$493 million compared to \$391 million at the beginning of fiscal year 2006 or an increase of \$102 million for the period then ended.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the One Month Ended October 31, 2006

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues			
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	\$ 688,839	52,421,150	53,109,989
Total funds available	5,000,000	(5,000,000)	-
	5,688,839	47,421,150	53,109,989
Expenditures			
General government	498,930		498,930
Legislature	59,429		59,429
Judiciary	28,911		28,911
Education	324,839		324,839
Heritage Preservation	110,528		110,528
Health	197,720		197,720
Youth and Family Services	133,074		133,074
Nutrition Programs	123,300		123,300
Regulatory	62,209		62,209
Assistance Programs	195,891		195,891
Transfer to Loan Program	-		-
Gaming expense		31,960,772	31,960,772
Other businesses' expense		11,942,502	11,942,502
Total expenditures	1,734,832	43,903,274	45,638,106
Increase in net assets	3,954,007	3,517,876	7,471,883
Beginning net assets	212,832,515	273,460,208	486,292,723
Ending net assets	\$ 216,786,522	276,978,084	493,764,606

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets October 31, 2006

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	\$ 55,773,498	107,782,032	163,555,531
Receivables	686,673	20,110,987	20,797,660
Inventory		3,998,125	3,998,125
Prepaid expenses		6,070,786	6,070,786
Other Assets		15,507,621	15,507,621
Fixed assets	160,742,536	243,910,681	404,653,217
Less payables	(416,186)	(120,402,149)	(120,818,335)
Net Assets	\$ 216,786,522	276,978,084	493,764,606



Jacob Drinkard

Jacob Tyler Drinkard celebrated his sixth birthday Nov. 23, 2006. Jacob attends kindergarten at Madill, Okla. He likes hunting, fishing and being outside with the bulls. He wants to be a veterinarian when he grows up.

His family wishes him a happy birthday!
We love you,
Mom, Dad and little brother, JD



Cameron Wade

Cameron Wade celebrated his ninth birthday Nov. 11, 2006 at his home in Duncan, Okla.

Cameron has a brother, Tony II, and a sister, Shalynn, and many aunts, uncles, grandmothers and cousins.

All came to join together and celebrate Cameron's birthday.

Cameron is the son of Tony and Crystal Shahan, of Duncan.



Sariah Beckham

Sariah Deaon'Lee Beckham celebrated her third birthday Nov. 16, 2006.

Sariah is full of smiles and curiosity.

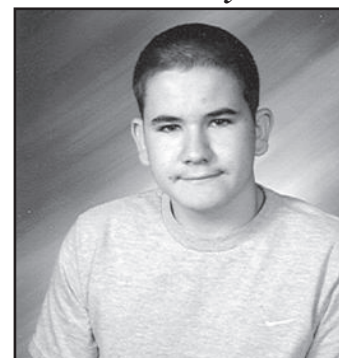
She is the daughter of Michael and Rachel Beckham.

We love you very much Miss Priss!

Love,

Mommy, Daddy and your Sissy, Ashlyn

Chickasaw student named to scholarship society



Josh Hatton

ATLANTA - The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) has announced that Byng (OK) High School student Josh Hatton has been selected for membership. The Society recognizes the top scholars in the nation and invites only those students who have achieved superior academic excellence.

The announcement was made by NSHSS Founder and Chairman Claes Nobel, senior member of the Nobel Prize family.

"On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment Josh has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence," Nobel said. "Josh is now a member of a unique community of scholars - a community that represents our very best hope for the future."

Membership in NSHSS entitles qualified students to enjoy a wide variety of benefits, including scholarships opportunities, academic competitions, free events, member-only resources, publication in programs offered by educational partners, on-line forums, personalized recognition items, and publicity honors.

For more information about NSHSS, visit www.nshss.org.

Births



Baylee Easterling

Baylee Reace Easterling was born at 9:35 a.m. Sept. 18, 2006 at Medical Center of Southeastern Oklahoma, Durant. She weighed 7 lbs., 13 oz., and measured 20 1/2 inches at birth.

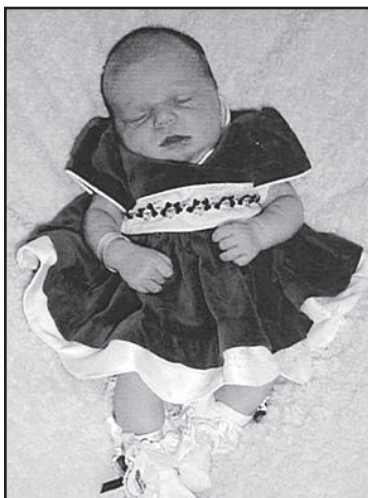
She is the daughter of Jory and Krissy Easterling. She has a proud big brother, Blake Easterling.

Her paternal grandparents are Eddie and Holly Easterling, Pontotoc, Okla., and Tricia Brown, Davis, Okla.

She is the great-granddaughter of Dawatha and the late Coy Easterling, Connerville, Okla., and Fanny Rogers, Milburn, Okla. She is the great-great-granddaughter of Tane Bryant, Ponotoc.

Her maternal grandparents are Elvis and Debbie Belcher, of Tishomingo, Okla.

She is the great-granddaughter of Violet and the late Bernard Belcher, and Zeb and Ruby Smith, all of Milburn.



Brookelynn Britton

Brookelynn Alexis Britton was born at 9:20 p.m., Oct. 2, 2006 at Stillwater (OK) Medical Center.

She is the daughter of Jessica Lee Ann Britton, Stillwater, and James Boyett, Carney, Okla.

Her maternal grandparents are Sharon (McKinney) Townsend and Johnny Townsend, Jr., Carney.

Her paternal grandparents are Danny Boyett Sr., and Ruth Boyett, Carney.

She is the great-granddaughter of Hershel A. McKinney and the great-great-granddaughter of Elsie Lee Gray, an original enrollee. She is the great-great-granddaughter of Lon and Amanda Gray, original enrollees and full-blood Chickasaws. Her great-great-great-great-great-grandparents, Adam and Elsie Gray, were full-blood Chickasaws.

Her great-great-great-grandfather Lon Gray is in the book, *Chickasaw Ranchers*, by Neil Johnson.

OU's Stoops, Peterson visit Chickasaw boy at Children's



Front row, Cameron Wade. Back row, from left, University of Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops, Crystal Shahan, Tony Shahan and OU running back Adrian Peterson.

Nine-year-old Cameron Wade, of Duncan, Okla., was diagnosed with acute myloied leukemia in June of this year.

Cameron is now in remission. While at Children's Hopsital in Oklahoma City for chemotherapy treatment, Cameron had the opportunity to meet University

of Oklahoma head coach Bob Stoops and running back Adrian Peterson.

Cameron is a strong little boy who is always in good spirits. That's why he is our little angel.

His parents are Tony and Crystal Shahan, of Duncan.

MOCCASIN TRAIL IN YOUR CORNER

By Anona McCullar

Tip of the Month Eating????

HALT! Before you eat something, ask yourself if you are Hungry, Angry, Lonely, or Tired. Learn to recognize real hunger and be mindful of emotions that are making you eat.

The Moccasin Trail Program would like to congratulate the following for achieving over the 1,000 mile goal.

Cathy Armstrong, Beverly Reynen, and Crystal Underwood
Congrats ladies!





Voc Rehab counselor earns bachelor's



Theea Stephens-Swinford

ADA, Okla. - Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor Theea Stephens-Swinford received her bachelor's degree from East Central University in August 2006.

She completed the coursework in May 2006 for a degree in Human Resources with a concentration of Vocational Rehabilitation and an internship

over the summer semester.

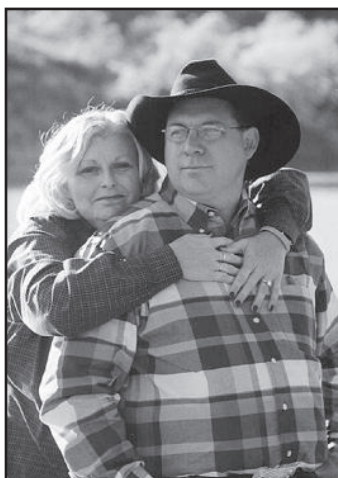
She has been employed with the Vocational Rehabilitation Department for six years. Ms. Stephens-Swinford began her career with the department as an administrative assistant and then promoted to counselor-in-training while attending college. She has worked extremely hard over the past few years to earn this degree. School was not her only concentration. She is a mother of three, a soldier in the United States National Guard and a full-time employee with the Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Department.

"My family has been great supporters of my goal to receive a degree, and my children have been very patient with me through this process and I am thankful to them," Ms. Stephens-Swinford said. "The Vocational Rehabilitation office has been a big support to me as well and I appreciate everything

the office has done for me and the support everyone has shown me."

Michelle Wilson, Director of Vocational Rehabilitation Departments said, "We are very proud of Theea for the commitment and dedication she has shown to her position as a counselor with our department."

Johnson, Deatherage to wed Dec. 30



Dana Johnson, Jerry Deatherage

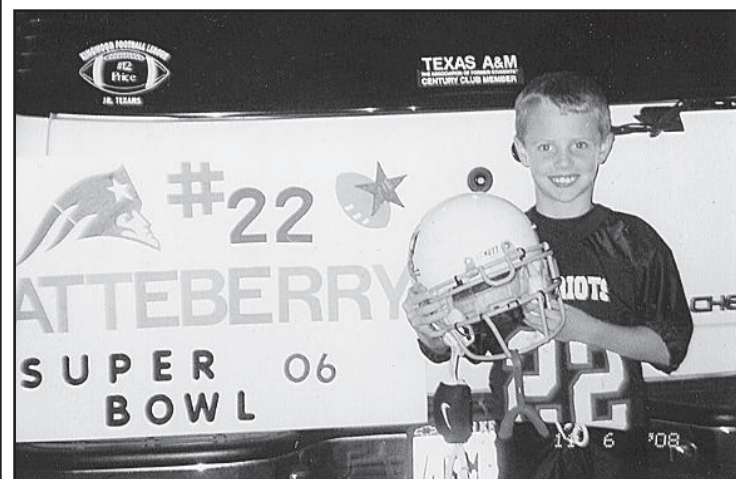
Dana Johnson and Jerry Deatherage, both of Francis, Okla., will exchange wedding vows Dec. 30, 2006 at Holdenville Pentecostal Holiness Church, Holdenville, Okla. Rev. Jerry Osburn will officiate the 2 p.m. ceremony.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Don Clark and the late Patsy Clark. She is the mother of Dena Felkins and Dustin Johnson. She is currently employed with the Chickasaw Nation Health System as the Family Practice Clinic coordinator/administrative assistant. She is of Chickasaw descent.

The future bridegroom is the son of the late Robert "DitDot" Deatherage and Barbara Reeves. He is currently employed with Chickasaw Nation Housing and Improvement Services as a carpenter's aide. He is of Cherokee descent.

The couple welcomes all their friends and relatives to join them as they begin their new life together as husband and wife.

Doing great on the gridiron



Matthew Atteberry

Matthew Atteberry, age 8, is a football enthusiast. He practices three times a week with his teammates on the Patriots team.

Matthew is the smallest boy on his team but his coach says he is fearless when making a tackle.

Matthew is the son of Bob and Dana Atteberry, of King-

wood, Texas, and great-great grandson of Winnie Blocker, an original enrollee.

He has an older brother, Price, who is also a football player and a four-year-old brother, Jack, who runs track with the team. Great representatives of the Chickasaw Spirit!

Chickasaw artist featured



Todd Porch and Desiree Montague

Desiree Alicia Sabrina Montague, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, went to Highland Park High School's 20-year class reunion, the class of 1986, in Dallas, Texas.

Miss Montague's art was the theme of her high school reunion, and she was the recipient of the art show that featured an auction of a dozen watercolors she did of her high school friends. Her work, called American Primitive or Native Art, is very colorful and highly sought after.

Miss Montague was born June 28, 1966, in Dallas to Wendell Seeman Montague and Judith Bryant Montague. She has two older brothers, Wendell Seeman

Montague II (a retired airman who has applied to be in the Chickasaw Nation) and Nathan Scot Montague (who is already a member of the Chickasaw Nation).

Sabrina Montague gets her talent from both of her parents. Her father painted Native Americans, selling at a gallery in El Paso, Texas, and her mother, who has Parkinsons, did portraits of Native Americans.

Her brothers continue the tradition of drawing and painting. Wendell does pencil renderings of aircraft and Scot does shaped canvases and paints nude torsos.

Johnson, Stone wed in England



Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Stone

Rebecca S. Johnson and Jonathan D. Stone were married Aug. 22, 2006 at Harrogate, England.

The bride is a Chickasaw citizen serving in the U.S. Army. She is the daughter of Elvis Johnson, Ada, Okla., and the granddaughter of the late Robert and Anne (Underwood-Brown) Johnson, Happyland, Okla., and Jesse, Okla., and the late Harrell and Netty Morgan, Kingston, Okla.

The bride is a graduate of Byng (OK) High School and a former Chickasaw Princess. She enlisted in the U.S. Army fol-

lowing the attacks of September 11, 2001.

The groom is a British citizen serving in the Royal Navy as an avionics engineer. He is the son of David and Lesley Stone, of Newquay, Cornwall, England. He is a graduate of Tretherras Technology College.

Due to the location of the wedding, only the groom's family attended. A second ceremony is planned for Ada in the future.

Upon the completion of the bride's tour of duty in 2007, the couple plans to make their home in Denver, Colo.

Starns, Stephens exchange wedding vows in Allen ceremony



Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Stephens

Misty Starns and Brandon Stephens, both of Ada, Okla., were united in marriage August 5, 2006 at Richmond Avenue Freewill Baptist Church, Allen, Okla., the Rev. Buddy Drake officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Susie Starns, Ada, Okla., and the granddaughter of Ruben and Carolyn Huffstutlar, Allen, and Dean Starns and the late Bill Starns Sr., Ada.

The bridegroom is the son of Billy and Gayla Stephens, Ada, and the grandson of Bill Stephens, Latta, Okla., and the

late Osie Stephens, and Bennie and Pauline Fisher, and the great-grandson of Opal Weller, Tupelo, Okla., and the late Deborn Weller.

Serving as maid of honor was Branda Stephens, sister of the bridegroom, Ada. Bridesmaids were Brooke Prentice, Allen, Mandee Whitson, Ada, Terra Griffith, Allen, Kylee Tatum, cousin of the bride, Shawnee, Okla.

Cody Raney, Calvin, Okla., served as best man. Groomsmen were Beau Johnson, Sasakwa, Okla., Brute Smith, Todd Martin, and Shane Bryant, all of Ada.

Other attendants include ushers, Cheyenne Starns, brother of the bride, and Ryan Haynes, cousin of the bridegroom. Flower girls were Kaylee Huffstutlar, cousin of the bride, Shaylee Senkel and Jaylee Willis, cousins of the bridegroom. Ring bearers were Kenzie Tatum, cousin of the bride, and Jordan Willis, cousin of the bridegroom. Candle lighters were Calli Jo Henderson, and Ashton Huffstutlar, cousin of the bride. Caden Massy, cousin of the bridegroom, rolled out the white carpet. Guest book attendants were Chrissy Pogue and Haley

Roland. Vocalists were Krystal Rhoten and Kevin Stinson.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She chose a white straples ballgown. The satin bodice was embroidered and accented with clusters of clear beads, Swarkovski crystals, and pearls to deep V open back corset style of criss crossing satin ribbon lacing the back of the basque waist was accented with a large satin bow with sprinkles of Swarkovski crystals, clear beads and pearls gave way to cascading layers of shimmering French tulle sprinkled in crystals and three smaller bows flowing to a chapel length train. The bride wore a three dimension rhinestone encrusted heart-shaped tiara with a double layer finger tip veil trimmed in sparking crystals, designed and fabricated by the mother of the bride. She carried a large bouquet of fuchsia, red, yellow, purple, and orange mixed flowers tied with white silk ribbon and streamers. Bouquet jewels of assorted colors were scattered throughout to enhance her bouquet.

A reception, hosted by the bridegroom's parents, was conducted at the Richmond Avenue Freewill Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Reception assistants were Karry Baker, Bridget Dalton, Whitney Harris, Jamie Henderson, Sherry Haynes, Shawna Senkel, Rhonda Willis, LaDonna Kirchner and Kim-

berly Massy.

Following a wedding trip to the Western Caribbean, the couple has made their home at Ada.

A rehearsal dinner catered by Isle of Capri Italian Restaurant, was hosted by the bridegroom's parents in the fellowship hall of Richmond Avenue Freewill Baptist Church on August 4.

The couple was honored with a miscellaneous shower June 11, at the Ada Arts and Heritage Building hosted by Jamie Henderson and Branda Stephens.

A wedding shower was also July, 16, by the ladies of the Richmond Freewill Baptist Church of Allen.

A personal shower was hosted July 31 by Mandee Whitson.

MANY ATTEND COLBERT REUNION

By Mildred Enlow

Colbert County, Alabama Reporter of October 27, 2006

Introduction: last month's Chickasaw Times included the report of Chickasaws who attended the Oka Kapassa Festival and Walk of Life. The host for the Council of Elders was Annie Cooper, Tuscumbia resident. That Times article was printed in this same Alabama newspaper. Additional information is included here. Robert Perry

The following interesting news story was related to me regarding recent Indian history by Annie Cooper. Annie was instrumental in coordinating the Colbert Family Reunion during the Indian festival this year. For this, the Colbert family members are most appreciative.

The Alabama Folklife Association is a non-profit organization that helps research documents and preserves folklife in Alabama. This year they sponsored the Alabama Community Scholars Institute Seminar at the UNA (University of Northern Alabama). Their goals were to teach scholars to collect documents and preserve oral history for Heritage Alabama beginning with their own community.

Local Tuscumbia resident Annie Cooper was an attendee of the seminar. She chose as her project the Colbert Family Reunion. The idea for this project came from a book exchange with Coldwater Books and the Tuscumbia Civitan Club who donated local history books to the Chickasaw Genealogy library in Oklahoma. After a request from the library, Annie contacted people of the Poarch Creek Nation, the Chickasaw Nation and descendants still living in Colbert County (AL). The reunion took place at the historic Winston Home with food being

provided by the Colbert County Landmarks Foundation and help during the Indian Festival in Tuscumbia with over 45 people attending, bringing with them their genealogy and the oral history that has been handed down to their families. Colbert descendants were interviewed by historians and their stories were documented. Attending the reunion were Scott Colbert, lawyer for the Chickasaw Nation; Richard Green, Historian for Chickasaw Nation, Bob Perry, Chickasaw Historical Society; The Chickasaw Nation Council of Elders, the Chickasaw Stomp Dancers, Robert Thrower, Chief Preservation Officer and historian of the Poarch Creek Nation. Also attending were representatives from the cities of Tuscumbia and Sheffield. Afterwards the descendants were invited to the Coldwater Books where Goodloe Rutland displayed the sash given to his ancestors by the Colbert Family and is on exhibit at the Birmingham Museum of Art.

The Colbert descendants also participated in a Walk of Life from Tuscumbia Landing into Spring Park symbolizing uniting together and returning to the Homeland.

Lifetime friendships were formed and it was agreed by all the reunion should continue. On Nov. 11, Annie Cooper will travel to the University of Alabama where she will be making a Power Point presentation on her project. This information will be turned over to the Alabama Department of Archives and History to preserve the legacy and records of the Colbert Family in which the county is named.

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Customer Service Survey on the web

Chickasaw citizens who complete a new tribal customer service survey will have the opportunity to win \$100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey by going to the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

Once you have completed the survey, you can enter the \$100 giveaway. The \$100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in the *Chickasaw Times*.



OKC Metro Council to host Christmas dinner Dec. 9

Arthur Elsworth from the Chickasaw Nation Department of Family Advocacy will speak at the next Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council meeting on Tuesday, December 5 at 7 p.m. Mr. Elsworth will discuss the Indian Child Welfare Act, abused and neglected children, the need for foster care homes and adoption.

Our Annual Christmas Dinner will be Saturday, December 9 at 11:30 a.m. Be sure to bring your favorite side dish. Turkey and soft drinks will be supplied by the Council. We expect a large turnout so bring chairs and a table.

The past few months have been very busy for our OKC

Council. The third Annual Halloween Fright Night October 28 was a huge success. The building was packed with children from a few months old to youngsters in their 80s. Many thanks to Mae Frazier and others from the Nation for giving flu shots to 51 members that night. Our Halloween Committee did a fantastic job and deserves a pat on the back.

Sandi Sanders gave a very informative speech about the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Health Programs available to Chickasaws outside the Nation at our November Council meeting. There were so many questions from members about the health services that we will invite her

to return again soon.

Council member Susie Johnston exhibited her beautiful pottery during our November meeting. We are very proud of her many accomplishments and awards.

Charlotte Dudgeon and Rachell Allen, VR Counselors, set up an exhibit regarding the Chickasaw Nation Education Department and visited with many of our council members.

Nine candidates running for the Pontotoc District - Seat 3 participated in a lively Candidate Forum also at the November meeting. Thanks go to Betty Kemp and Edgar Hovarter for being excellent time keepers.

We all miss Legislator

Mooniene Ogee. The winning candidate for this seat will have big moccasins to fill. We thank all the candidates who attended and participated. We also wish to express our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Russ Stick.

Thanks also go to the Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council for inviting our members to participate on their brush arbor float at the Annual Chickasaw Festival in Tishomingo.

Our members enjoyed meeting and visiting folks from other councils while riding the float. It was so much fun to wave at friends and family standing along the parade route.

Mike von Tungen drove the truck pulling the float built by Jerry Underwood, Bobby Payne and Tony Payne.

We were told many others supervised! It was well built - we know because we flew back to the school.

Seventeen members learned

Red Dirt Book Festival seeks submissions for state centennial year

The organizers of the third biennial Red Dirt Book Festival in Shawnee, Okla., are accepting proposals from potential festival presenters until April 30, 2007.

The festival is an official, State of Oklahoma Centennial Event recognized by the Oklahoma Commemorative Centennial Committee. It has won national recognition from the American Library Association. The festival attracts readers, writers, publishers, illustrators, storytellers and scholars.

Anyone employed or otherwise occupied with some sort of writing, illustrating or storytelling may submit their idea for a program, workshop or presentation that they would like to con-

duct during the 2-day festival, November 2 and 3, 2007. "READ, WRITE, TALK," continue to be the festival's thematic strands. "Oklahoma Character," is the unifying focus for the 2007 festival. The festival's goal is to identify what is unique about Oklahoma character as reflected in Oklahoma's literature. Focus may include the unique character of Oklahoma's history, landscape, lifestyle and Oklahoma "characters."

To submit a proposal, visit the festival website at www.reddirtbookfestival.org <<http://www.reddirtbookfestival.org/>>. For more information, call the festival's program chair at 405-701-2661.

All activities are held at the OKCMCCC building at 3301 East Reno in Del City. We invite everyone to join us for fun and fellowship on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Chair Betty Smith at 405-348-7459 or visit the OKCMCCC website at www.okc-chickasawcouncil.org which is currently being designed by Brian Hulsey.

Wichita Council in Trail of Tears Walk

The November meeting was a very positive and informative meeting for the Wichita (KS) Council. We started our meeting singing the lovely old standard "Amazing Grace" in English then in Choctaw (Choctaw because we don't have Chickasaw and Choctaw is our sister language).

James Green is our Historian for our new Chickasaw Project. He has forms to help us with a starting place for gathering local Chickasaw family stories, military service information and other information. Pam Harjo has a contact who may help us put this in a professional documentary format when the time comes.

We presented Sharon Nelson with a special "Thank You" gift for all her hard work this past year in helping us get formed and meeting our goals and deadlines.

We will not meet in December, but will resume in January. It was decided we will have a Winter Celebration Dinner in January to bring in our New Year. For further information, Judy Moser is our coordinator and can be reached at 316-683-0556.

We hope to have Gov. Annou-tubby and other special guests from the Chickasaw Nation in attendance at this family event.

Our speaker from the Nation was Sandi Sanders from the Health Department. We found



Captain Andrew Trager, U.S. Army Reserve, carries the U.S. Flag as Chuck Rivas carries the Chickasaw flag.

her information very valuable and we will be working with her department to bring more information and services to the Wichita Council. Since this meeting had a health focus, we had free flu shots available courtesy of Hunter Health Clinic.

Our Annual Memorial Trail of Tears Walk was a success in helping bring awareness of the health crisis facing all peoples with the focus on Native Americans. We had several Chickasaw walkers and our Chickasaw flag was carried by Chuck Rivas.

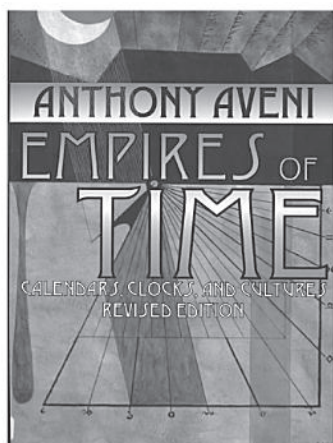


CHICKASAW NATION HEAD START AND CHILD CARE "TRICK OR TREAT", OCT. 31



Check it out . . . at the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Library!

Featured Selections of the Month



Empires of Time

Calendars, clocks, and cultures

Anthony Aveni

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-The Sciences

The Savannah River Chiefdoms

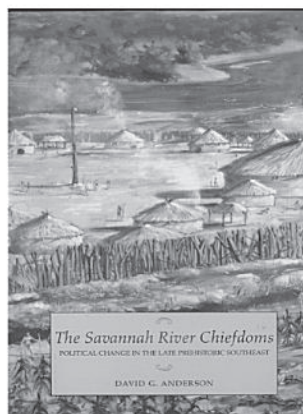
Political change in the late prehistoric southeast

David G. Anderson

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-Charles H. McNutt

Memphis State University



Clockwise from top left, Garrett Morgan, Rachael Tartsah, McKenzie Kent, Sayir Tamayo, Joshua Cox, Gage Loudermilk, Taye Daniels, and Autumn Patton.

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520 E. Arlington (Downstairs in the Miko Building, Chickasaw Nation Headquarters)

Ada OK 74820 (580) 436-2603, ext. 7301

Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Health Complex, continued from page 1

chief financial officer Wes Brantley is helping produce the bond initiative. Brantley said there are several advantages to a issuing bonds rather than paying cash at a future date

"What we are proposing is very similar to a home mortgage," Brantley said. "We are putting a good amount of cash down. Then we are attempting to borrow money with the most favorable interest rate and terms."

Gov. Anoatubby pointed out the bond issue will preserve adequate cash flow for other tribal projects in much the way a home mortgage preserves cash flow for food, utilities, transportation and other necessities.

"The Chickasaw Nation is doing very well financially,

with tribal businesses expecting a net income of about \$200 million in the next fiscal year," said Gov. Anoatubby. "This bond issue will enable us to continue providing high quality programs and services and build the hospital in a timely manner."

Another advantage of the bond issue is the probability of cost savings on construction.

Construction of the new facility will begin soon after sale of the bonds, making it easier to estimate construction costs.

Construction costs nationwide have increased significantly over time, according to the Turner Building Cost Index, which is used widely by the construction industry and Federal and State governments.

According to that index, construction costs are approximately eight times what they were

in 1967 and have increased by more than 60 percent since 1995.

The bond proposal shares another advantage many home buyers seek to build into home mortgages.

The proposed bond issue schedules affordable payments over a 25-year period.

However, the bond proposal includes making the bonds callable after 10 years.

This means the tribe would have the option of paying the remaining principal at any time after 10 years to save on interest.

Similarly, many home buyers choose a long-term mortgage, knowing they can make additional payments on the principal if they wish.

Kids! Join the After School Art Program!

Ardmore ASAP:

Every Friday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
January 5, 12, 19, 26
At the Chickasaw Nation Area Office
39 N. Washington
Ardmore, Oklahoma

Purcell ASAP:

Every Friday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
February 2, 9, 16, 23
Location To Be Announced
Registration forms available at the
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1603 S. Green Ave.
Purcell, Oklahoma

AFTER SCHOOL ART PROGRAM INFO:

Exciting and fun After School Art Program workshop

Now enrolling for Ardmore and Purcell area students

Students in grades 3rd thru 12th

4-Week Workshop: "Chickasaw Spirit Ponies" Collage

Students will learn Chickasaw culture, varied art techniques and southeastern native design elements

Student work will be exhibited in the ISSOBA CHICKASHA LOWA Art Show in March 2007

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Provided by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities

For more information and for enrollment, contact Laura Morrison at (580) 332-1992 or email laura.morrison@chickasaw.net

"Fine art is that in which the hand, the head, and the heart of man go together." - John Ruskin



Chickasaw third-grader Daniel Carpenter painting his spirit pony.



Fourth grader Saela Beninati painting her spirit pony.

What is a bond, and how does it work?

A bond is a debt instrument commonly used by corporations, governments and other institutions to raise funds for projects. Investors purchase the bonds from the bond issuer in order to earn a stated rate of interest over time.

The bonds to be offered by the Chickasaw Nation for the construction of the new health complex are general obligation bonds. The bonds will resemble other bonds issued typically by government entities. That designation means that the integrity of the bonds is backed by the full faith and credit of the tribe.

The group producing the bond proposal envisions a high-quality "A"-rated bond which will include insurance and a tax-exempt feature. The tribe benefits from the rating, insurance and tax exempt status. Bonds with these attributes traditionally carry lower coupon rates, or rates of interest.

The sovereign status of the

tribe could be considered an obstacle for some bond buyers, which leads to the bond insurance feature. The insurance provides the bondholder an extra degree of security.

The bonds are projected to have 25-year maturities. These "long bonds" are typically owned by larger institutions and investors seeking a guaranteed and secure rate of return.

The bonds will also carry a "call" feature. This feature allows the issuer – the Chickasaw Nation – to purchase the bonds back at "par," or the face amount of the bond, prior to maturity. The bonds are proposed to have a call feature at 10 years following issuance.

The final bond preparation before entering the marketplace is scheduled to be completed by January, 2007. Once the bonds are ready for sale, they will be purchased by a banking entity which will then resell the bonds to the investment community.

Red Earth Benefit, continued from page 1

Ambassador of the Year and executive director of the Oklahoma Arts Council, helped select the Oklahoma State Capitol Fourth Floor Rotunda as the site of the event, because the venue is rich with more than 100 works of art, each with its unique story of diversity and tradition.

From the monumental bronze "As Long as the Waters Flow" by acclaimed Native American artist Allen Houser that greets visitors at the steps to the State Capitol Building to "The Guardian" by Seminole Chief and Master Artist Enoch Kelly Haney, a 17-foot bronze sculpture that adorns the State Capitol Dome, a visit to the Oklahoma State Capitol building is like a trip to a world-class museum.

Serving as honorary co-chairman of the evening event with Price is Captain John Herrington, the 2005 Red Earth Ambassador of the Year, an enrolled member of the Chickasaw Nation and the first American Indian astronaut to serve with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Herrington is the first Indian astronaut to walk in space. Educators have called Captain Herrington a role model for Native American children as

demonstrated through his willingness to speak before students and adults about his life and professional experience.

Through his leadership, Gov. Anaotubby has worked to gather and preserve the history and culture of the Chickasaw Nation. Gov. Anaotubby has fostered a cultural and language renaissance among the more than 38,000 citizens of the Chickasaw Nation. Still others are working to gather and document the history of the tribe, which has been largely lost to the ravages of time and geographic separation. With his leadership and commitment, the Chickasaw people are learning more about their ancestors and becoming experts on their personal histories.

Red Earth, Inc. is a non-profit organization that promotes and presents the rich traditions of American Indian arts and cultures through educational programs, the annual Red Earth Native American Cultural Festival and the Red Earth Museum.

Tickets to the benefit dinner, Gov. Anaotubby's keynote address and fine art auction are \$65 and may be purchased by calling (405) 427-5228.

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leadership qualities, positive attitude, work ethic, citizenship and criteria.

Following are students of the month, along with selected comments from those who nominated each student.

Students of the Month in the Pontotoc District are **Raven Tabbytosavit** and **Zackery Crowell**, Stratford Elementary, **J.J. Stewart**, Roff Jr. High, **Jennifer Bell** and **William Hogan**, Ada High.



Raven Tabbytosavit

"She works very hard to make good grades and is very involved in activities at school. She has a very close-knit family and is a vital contributor to her

family activities. Raven would be an excellent choice for the JOM Student of the Month."

"Zack Crowell is a delightful young man," said Angela

Martin. "He is very active in sports and has the potential to become a very good athlete. Zak is also a good student in the classroom. He works very hard to maintain good grades to keep his place in the Governor's Honor Club. Zak is definitely a leader in our school."

"You couldn't ask for a better student," said Lora Trimmer of J.J. Stewart.

"J.J. is always eager to learn and only does her best. She doesn't accept anything less than that. She not only works hard in the classroom, but she works hard on anything she participates in.

Letter to Editor:

'Pink Shoes' thanks donors

On October 26-29 in Dallas/Ft. Worth, an event called the Breast Cancer 3Day was conducted and I just returned from the festivities there.

The 3Days, conducted in 12 metropolitan sites throughout the nation each year, benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation and the National Philanthropic Trust.

I'm happy to report that the Dallas/Ft. Worth edition was a huge success with almost 2,400 walker participants and 360 crew members. A total of \$6.1 million was raised that will be split 85-15 percent between the Komen Foundation and the NPT.

My involvement with 3Day goes back to 2002, but my continued support of the event is/was made possible through the generous and compassionate support of family, friends, acquaintances and even complete strangers. Through their generosity, I was able to amass \$1,900 in donations, the largest

She is an excellent pitcher in softball and a great kid."

"Jennifer Bell is a very nice young lady who would be an excellent choice for student of the month," said Chuck Roberts. "She has a wonderful personality, is always smiling, always willing to help others, and is an excellent student. Jennifer has a 4.29 GPA and is ranked eighth in a class of 157. She is a very active leader in our school and will be an excellent representative of the Student of the Month award."

"William Hogan is a fine young man who is very deserving of the student of the month award," said Chuck Roberts. "He has a 4.09 GPA and is ranked 16th in a class of 154. He is involved in several extra-curricular activities at Ada High including Native American Club, Challenge Bowl, Cougar Network News, and others. William will represent this award very well and I am very happy to nominate him for Student of the Month."

Students of the Month in Pickens District are **Madie**

Gray, Plainview Elementary, **Dalton Lantrip**, Charles Evans Elementary (Ardmore.)

"Madie Gray is an exceptional student!" said Marsha Rogers and Kim Woods. "She has excellent work habits in her work. Assignments are neat, correct and



Madie Gray

turned in on time. Madie is a bright student. Her midterm grades are straight A's and she has the highest average in English. Madie has a wonderful citizenship and classroom behavior!! I can count on her as a leader as well as a helper."

"Dalton Lantrip is a top leader, well behaved and academic excellence," said Mrs. Worthen.



Dalton Lantrip

Letter to Editor: First time to experience Festival

Dear Editor,

It is a great time to be a Chickasaw! I look forward to receiving my Chickasaw Times.

I was sad to learn of Mooniene Ogee's demise. She had served her tribe and her community well. She will be missed.

I got to attend the Chickasaw Festival for the first time this year. I was very excited to be a part of the celebration. Governor Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Keel made very interesting speeches.

Since I live out-of-state I was happy to learn of the new progress being offered to out-of-state residents. My path has crossed with Mr. Wilson Seawright more than any other Legislator. He has always been very helpful. I was happy for his little "Princess."

The October issue of the Chickasaw Times was one flowing with interesting news, I really enjoyed it. It is a great day to be a Chickasaw-even in Texas!

Sincerely,

Louise Haddock

Daughter of Winnie Blocker, original enrollee

Letters to Editor:

OU student grateful to tribe

Dear Editor:

Hello my name is Cherrie Warden and I am the daughter of Ty Del Warden. I just wanted to let the paper know how appreciative I am for all the Chickasaw Nation has done for me as a first year college student.

I am a freshmen at the University of Oklahoma, but there is no way I would be there today if it wasn't for the Nation helping me in all different aspects. I am finding out that college is a door being opened to so many others things this world has to offer.

I have been getting involved in campus in a variety of ways including being 1 of 100 freshmen chosen as a member of the University's Presidents Leadership Class. Over 5,000 students applied, but only a small percent was selected.

I am also the only freshmen on

the Dance Marathon Executive Council. Dance Marathon is a 10 hour danceathon that raises money for Children's Miracle Network. Being on an Executive Council is part of being on Campus Activities Council, but it is also a huge responsibility.

I was also one of very few freshmen elected by all 300 members of my sorority to be an officer and represent us around campus. I have maintained a 4.0 thus far and am trying more and more to get the hang of college.

I could not have done any of this without the help of the Chickasaw Nation. The Nation has taught me how to be confident and how to succeed in life and I am so grateful for it.

Thank you,
Cherrie Warden

Thanks to roofing crews

Dear Editor,

I was approved for a C.H.I.P. grant to replace my old and very worn roof. The roof was just recently replaced.

This letter is to commend the two crews that spent seven days working on said roof. I want to publicly thank Phillip Burris and his crewman Clayton and Charlie and Basil and his crew-

man Curly and Juan. I hope I got the names correct and spelled correctly also.

It was a pleasure having these gentlemen on my property. They were friendly and courteous while still being professional.

Sincerely,
Fran L. Gambel
A Proud Chickasaw

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Following are students of the month, along with selected comments from those who nominated each student.

Students of the Month in Tishomingo District are **Chenoa Cummings** and **Jacob Miller**, Ravia Elementary.

"Chenoa Cummings has a positive attitude about everything and she demonstrates responsibility," said Debbie Akins.

"Jacob Miller has a positive attitude," said Debbie Akins. "He is very respectful to his peers and teachers and is always willing to help out any way he can."

Students of the Month for the Pontotoc District are **Makayan Pruitt** and **Zachary Harmoning**, Lexington Elementary. **Bethany Sullivan** and **Alec Bryen**, Lexington Junior High, **Jessica Collins**, Wapanucka High, **Brandon Blankenship**, Byng High.

"Makayan Pruitt should be selected as the student of the month for the fact that she has attained all of the recommended criteria considerations, good citizenship, class attendance, positive attitude,



Makayan Pruitt

demonstrates responsibility, grades, respectful to peers and teachers, leadership qualities, classroom participation, extra-curricular activities and good work ethics, most importantly a 4.0 grade point average," said Susan Roberts. "She goes above and beyond in what I require of a student. Well Done!"

"Zachary Harmoning is a very hard working fourth grade student," said Meredith Jones. "His love of reading is reflected in his outstanding grades. He has a positive attitude and an unusual determined will for someone his age. He is goal oriented and demonstrates great responsibility. He is outgoing and enjoys participating in sports such as baseball, basketball and football. He is an excellent nominee for student of the month for Lexington Elementary."



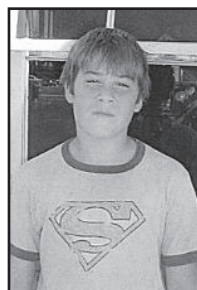
Zachary Harmoning

"Bethany Sullivan goes above and beyond to help a classmate who is confined to a wheelchair," said Lori Brown. "Bethany always makes sure she goes to the restroom, lunch and playground with the class. She will also be her study partner when needed. I am amazed at her willingness to help. Bethany's caring attitude flows through the classroom. Furthermore, Bethany also demonstrates other qualities: leadership, citizenship, responsibility and good work ethics. She would be an outstanding representative as Student of the Month from Lexington Public Schools."



Bethany Sullivan

"Alec Bryen is a regular on the Chickasaw Honor Club," said Meredith Jones. "He is a very hard worker and is determined to succeed in whatever he endeavors. He is outgoing and well liked by his teachers and peers. He recently participated in the Young National Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. He will be able to put the skills he gained there to use as a member of the Lexington Student Council."



Alec Bryen

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"Jessica Collins has been active in many activities throughout her high school career," said Max Rowland. "She is a student who works hard and takes her education very seriously. Jessica consistently displays the utmost respect for her classmates as well as teachers and administration. Jessica would be an excellent choice for Chickasaw Student of the Month."



Jessica Collins

"Brandon Blankenship is a very pleasant and enthusiastic young man," said Merry Monroe. "He is an officer for Native American Club and is involved in several other school activities."

He is a very talented young man in vocal music and has done very well in music competitions. Brandon was also chosen to be a member of the cast in a recent professional theatrical production. He is always looking for things to do and is always one of the first to volunteer his services. He is a good all around student and I hope you will consider him for the honor of being Student of the Month."

Students of the Month for Pickens District are **Madison Sampson**, Lincoln Elementary (Ardmore), **Zane Henson**, Plainview Elementary and **Jasmine Taylor**, Plainview Junior High.

"Madison Sampson is a leader and a good role model," said Vicki Almon. "She always completes her work in a timely manner, when she is finished 'her nose' goes into a library book. Her grades are good and she get along well with her classmates. She is a bright example of family and culture that has



Madison Sampson

been meshed together to form this young student."

"Zane Henson is a very bright and sensitive young man," said Kim Woods. "He has a quiet demeanor but is very interesting to talk to. He has many friends and is very helpful in my class. Zane will do something great in life, most likely something helpful to others."

"Jasmine Taylor is a social butterfly with many talents," said Kim Woods. "She studies hard and is already planning for college. Jasmine marches to the beat of her own drum. She isn't shy and does not lack self-esteem. When she puts her mind to something, she is locked down and I don't believe she can be derailed."



Zane Henson



Jasmine Taylor

Smith named Bank2 executive vice president

Fran Smith has recently been elected executive vice president of Bank2.

Headquartered in Oklahoma City and owned 100% by the Chickasaw Nation, Bank2 has become one of the fastest growing minority-owned, full service banks in the nation with over \$80 million in assets.

"Fran and I have worked together for more than 14 years," Bank2 CEO Ross Hill said. She joined the Bank2 management team during the fall of

2001 and played a major roll in establishing our policies and procedures before we opened in January of 2002. In all my years as a bank president I have never met a banking executive who demonstrates more passion and commitment to doing a great job than Fran Smith. Her drive, professionalism and care for customers is demonstrated daily. Fran is a true leader in our industry. She embodies the bank's motto of going the extra mile."

Over the years Smith has played a vital role in the success of several bank conversions. She has also served as an assistant branch manager, branch manager and vice president/operations officer for community and regional banks. Prior to accepting her new position, Smith was senior vice president/head of operations for Bank2.

To learn more about Bank2 log on to www.bank2.biz or call toll-free 1-877-409-2265.

Bank2 names Erb compliance officer

Tiffany Erb has recently been elected as regulatory compliance officer for Bank2. Headquartered in Oklahoma City and owned 100% by the Chickasaw Nation, Bank2 has become one of the fastest growing minority-owned, full service banks in the nation with over \$80 million in assets.

Erb has more than seven years in the banking business. She began her banking career as a

part-time teller and over the past four years has steadily worked her way into a management role at Bank2. She is a business graduate of Southern Nazarene University and a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors. She has also been certified as an accredited business accountant by the Accreditation Council for Accountancy and Taxation.

"We are excited to have Tif-

fany filling this newly created position at Bank2," Bank2 CEO Ross Hill said. "She is a talented and meticulous banker. She is known as our resident perfectionist. I can't think of a better trait for someone dedicated to regulatory compliance in all areas of the bank."

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Upward Bound students pitch in for Cultural Evening



Cultural Evening volunteers are, front row from left, Sirena Adams, Tosha Deal, Shantel Taylor, Kathryn Robertson, and Rebecca Easterling (staff). Back row, Susan Webb (staff), Stephanie Gutendorf, Kayla Bertwell, Trey Perry, Thomas Ryals and Isaac Gregg.

Adams, Bertwell named Upward Bound 'Student of the Month'



Sirena Adams, Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search September 2006 Student of the Month

The Chickasaw Foundation recently established the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search Student of the Month program to recognize and honor students who display the following characteristics: good citizenship, respectful to peers and program staff, program participation, leadership qualities, positive attitude, demonstrates responsibility, community service participation, cultural/tribal activities participation and demonstrates a positive academic



Kayla Bertwell, Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search October 2006 Student of the Month.

work ethic.

Ms. Sirena Adams was chosen as the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search Student of the Month for September 2006. Ms. Adams was nominated by Ms. Susan Webb, Academic Advisor. She is a third year participant of the Upward Bound Math/Science program. She is a senior at Milburn High School and is active in FCA, FCCLA, Chess Club, Armchair Reading Club, Yearbook and the National Wildlife Turkey Federation. Her

plans include going to college and becoming a wildlife biologist.

Ms. Kayla Bertwell is the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search Student of the Month for October 2006. Ms. Bertwell was nominated by Ms. Becky Easterling, Academic Advisor. She has been participating in the program since October 2005 after joining to gain self-confidence, improve her social skills and be involved in a college experience. She received the top student award at the six-week summer session offered by the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program. She is a senior at Milburn High School and participates in art. She is the Senior Class Reporter and Student Council Class Representative. She plans to attend college and earn teaching and accounting degrees.

These students will receive a plaque, \$25 Wal-Mart gift card and be featured in the *Chickasaw Times*. At the end of the academic year, the Chickasaw Foundation will also select a Student of the Year.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math/Science students volunteered for Cultural Evening on October 3, 2006. Students helped with trash pickup and served as event tour guides.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math/Science activity for the month of October was a trip to the Oklahoma City Zoo sponsored by the Chickasaw Foundation's ZOO FUNd for Kids grant received from the Oklahoma Zoological Society. Students attended an Endangered Species class taught by Mr. Todd Bridgewater. He used a teaching tool called Suitcase for Survival: endangered animal products confiscated by the Fish & Wildlife Service.

Students also learned about the different things that affect species endangerment. After the class, students walked around

the zoo and enjoyed looking at all the animals.

Attending were Tosha Deal, Stephanie Gutendorf, Alex Moore, Angela Moore, Heather Pugh, Kathryn Robertson, Thomas Ryals, Heather Turner, Shannon Underwood, Jessica Willis, Stephanie Benner, Jessica Carter, John Cobble, Whitney Condit, Amber Gaede, Rebecca Moore, Emalee Munn, Jenifer Pedigo, Kara Price, Amanda Riley, Heather Stinnett, Ashley Talbott, Precious Hamilton, Chelsie Courtney, Jessica Fels, Cynthia Lozano, Jen Wall, Kodie Whitbeck and Justin Costley.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math/Science programs serve high school students in 21 schools throughout the Chickasaw Nation. For more information, please call (580) 371-9903.

Foundation exec Walker elected to fundraising board

National Philanthropy Day (NPD) was conducted October 20 at the Business Conference Center on the campus of Metro Technology Center in Oklahoma City. The theme for this year was "Change the World with a Giving Heart."

During the AFP Membership Business Meeting, Ms. Johnna R. Walker, Executive Director of the Chickasaw Foundation, was elected to the Association of Fund Raising Professionals Oklahoma Board of Directors to serve as the Vice-President of Legislative Affairs. Her responsibilities will be to inform and update the board of directors and general membership of state and federal legislation which directly impacts the profession of philanthropy. Congratulations to Ms. Walker for this elected position.

Ms. Walker and Ms. Tracie Carter, Special Projects Coordinator for the Chickasaw Foundation, also served on the planning committee for NPD. They were selected to be over the scholarship committee which originated a new application, reviewed and scored applicants and granted scholarships to four recipients.

Oklahoma First Lady Kim

Henry was the keynote speaker for the awards luncheon. Ms. Henry spoke on the impact philanthropy has on Oklahoma. Mr. Kennedy Brown, Chairman of the Chickasaw Foundation, also attended the award luncheon. Sessions for NPD included topics on fundraising, leadership, donor loyalty, planned giving, corporate partnerships and trends in philanthropy.

On leave from Iraq



Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound alumni Mark Poe stopped by the Upward Bound office to visit. Mr. Poe was home on leave from Iraq.

Meet the Chickasaw Foundation officers

Chickasaw Foundation treasurer Wes Brantley



Wesley D. Brantley, Jr.

Mr. Wesley D. Brantley, Jr. is the treasurer for the Chickasaw Foundation and joined the Board in September 2005. He earned his bachelor's degree

in Business from East Central University in 1962 and served in the United States Air Force from May 1962 – July 1965 as a 1st Lieutenant, Weapons Officer.

Mr. Brantley served as a staff accountant with B.W. Vetter & Company in Tulsa from 1965 to 1967. He earned his Certified Public Accountant certification on January 27, 1968. He then worked as an audit partner for Horne & Company from 1976 – 1998. At that time, he began working with the Chickasaw Nation and retired as the Chief Financial Administrator in 2005.

Mr. Brantley's professional activities include serving as a Member of Council for the

governing body of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He previously served on the Oklahoma Accountancy Board and the Oklahoma Society of CPAs as a vice-president, president-elect and president. He was also inducted into the Oklahoma Accountancy Hall of Fame in 2001.

Mr. Brantley's community service includes serving on the Board of Directors for the US-AgBank, a Farm Credit Bank in Wichita, Kansas, a Board member for the Oklahoma Securities Commission and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Theological Seminary in Memphis, Tennessee. He

has served as a member of the General Assembly Council of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ada for more than 35 years.

Mr. Brantley has been married to Susan Alden Brantley for 38 years, and they have four children.

Upward Bound students visit OKC Zoo



Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math/Science students recently visited the OKC Zoo. Students attending were, front row from left, Katherine Robertson and Rebecca Moore. Second row, from left, Chelsie Courtney, Shannon Underwood, John Cobble, Whitney Condit, Amanda Riley, Cynthia Lozano, Heather Pugh, Heather Stinnett, Kara Price and Becky Easterling, staff. Third row from left, Susan Webb, staff, Jenifer Pedigo, Precious Hamilton, Jessica Fels, Angela Moore, Jen Wall, Tosha Deal, Heather Turner, Jessica Willis and Stephanie Gutendorf. Fourth row from left, Alex Moore, Jessica Carter, Emalee Munn, Ashley Talbot, Kodie Whitbeck, Todd Bridgewater (zoo staff), Stephanie Benner, Thomas Ryals, Amber Gaede and Justin Costley. Not pictured is staff Rici Love.

Friends of the Foundation honored at annual reception

The Chickasaw Foundation's 5th annual Friends of the Foundation reception was November 17 at the First Baptist Church, Education Building Atrium. A PowerPoint presentation was viewed and the annual Chickasaw Foundation awards were presented. Those receiving awards were: Volunteer of the Year: Doretta Sellers and David Ballard; Volunteer Group of the Year: Chickasaw Nation Health System Maintenance; Philanthropist of the Year: Dr.

Jo Benson Sears; and Employee Charitable Contribution Plan Donor of the Year: Phyllis Avanzini.

An art auction was hosted with donations from local artists, which included paintings, ceramic pottery, weaved and roped baskets, carved wood, a blow gun, ribbon shirt, framed artwork and much more. The proceeds from the auction will go to develop a fine arts scholarship through the Chickasaw Foundation.

Indian Legal Services seeks information to probate estates

Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc. (OILS) has partnered with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Muskogee Regional Office, to probate estates and bring ownerships up-to-date on restricted Indian allotments.

OILS has received a listing of estates covered in the grant with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Listed below are those names. If you or other members of your family are related to or know the family of those listed, please contact our office today to begin the probate process.

There is no out-of-pocket cost to the family and there are no income or residency requirements. You may call toll-free instate at 1-800-658-1497 or if you live out-of-state at 1-405-943-6457.

Following is the list of deceased Chickasaws and dates of death:

Agnes (Alberson) Johnson, 08/17/1981; Franklin Alberson, 04/16/1988; Home C. Alberson, 08-06-1988; Salina (Alberson) Brown, 06/11/1977; Andrew Alexander, 08/08/2003; Jimpson C. Alexander, 07/02/1987; Tandy W. Allen, 06/06/1999; Mattie (Anoatubby) Brown, 10/25/1998; Bonnie (Apala) Griffith, 05/09/2001; Horace Apala, 06/01/1982; Jesse J. Apala, 06/04/1999; Wanda (Apala) Myers, 10/18/1986; Clifford D. Brown, 12/31/1988; Della Brown, 12/31/1988; Elvena (Brown) Dumont, 4/17/1981; Eugene B. Brown, 9/21/1987; Joseph J. Brown, 10/23/1997; Lorena M. (Brown) Cockman, 12/31/1998; Leona Colbert, 10/05/1991; Alice (Courtney) Davis, 01/25/1993; Darias Cravatt, 08/01/1987; Eugene Duke, 01/01/2001; Isiah Duke,

01/01/2001; Walton Duke, 08/07/1993; Ima J. Dumont, 06/08/2001; James L. Dunn, 07/05/2002; James Frazier, 12/28/1986; Johnny Clayton Frazier III, 06/15/1994; Jeff Greenwood, 06/01/1977; Henry Greenwood, 03/23/1999; Louisa (Hays) Ned, 02/18/1945; Isabella (John) McNevins, 01/01/2001; Maudine (John) Tallchief, 09/01/1990; Lula V. (Johnson) Brown, 10/02/2003; Nancy J. Johnson, 04/03/2003; Dorothy M. Jones, 06/28/2001; Bennie Keel, 11/04/1977; Bernita (Keel) Holliger, 04/24/1999; Noah Keel, 02/15/1982; Robert A. Keel, 01/01/2001; William P. Keel, 12/09/1999; Dossie Lewis, 02/02/2002; Lula (Lewis) Taylor, 07/11/1984; Mae (Lewis) Fleming, 06/20/1997; Owen Lewis, 02/02/2002; John C. Liddell, 05/01/1998; Ollie L.

Maxwell, 01/01/1961; Oretha L. McCarty, 11/26/2000; Chestain McCurtain, 01/10/1972; Guy L. McElroy, 08/31/1990; Frances Melville, 12/10/1979; Katie Muckintubby, 01/27/1936; Alene V. (Neasbitt) Pershica, 11/17/1989; Welborn Neasbitt, 01/26/1986; Mattie A. (Newberry) Carhart, 02/08/1981; Solomon Ned, Jr., 06/17/1999; June (Parnacher) Hill, 09/19/1983; Benny Perry, 02/18/1955; Elsie (Perry) Walker, 05/06/1996; Lily (Perry) Bigsnake, 11/12/2001; Olene F. (Perry) Impson, 04/17/1997; Vera V. (Perry) Brown, 03/31/2003; Opal L. (Peter) Guterrez, 03/31/2000; Joe C. Porter, 02/12/1986; Lillie M. (Reed) Motes, 01/01/2001; Pakali N. Reifel, 12/15/1976; Laird Wayne Rochelle, 07/01/1988; David Rochester, 06/18/2002; Vivian (Rogers) Simmons,

01/21/1995; Vonda (Rogers) Evans, 02/13/1993; Hix Souze, 01/01/1987; Dorothy (Tyson) Cravatt, 03/16/1998; Nola B. (Tyson) Browning, 10/12/1996; Robert E. Tyson, 05/05/1994; Joe Underwood, 07/12/1983; Adam Walker, 03/31/1999; Alfred Walker, 05/05/1986; Edna Walker, 12/31/1988; Elijah, 12/31/1988; Lillie M. (Walker) Craig, 12/31/1988; Ralph Walker, 09/10/1964; Virgil Walker, 01/21/1999; Betty J. Watson, 06/04/2001; Angie J. Williams, 12/24/1998; Simon Williams, 03/09/2002; Ruben Williford, 03/31/2000; Verna M. (Williford) Cobb, 02/23/1987; Evelyn (Wisdom) Holland, 02/25/2002; Leroy M. Wolfe, 02/09/1968.

A Chickasaw Harvard man working in Indian Country

By **RICHARD GREEN**
Contributing Writer



Eric Henson in his Cambridge office talks about the Harvard Project's Comparative study of social & economic development on Indian reservations.

Tooling along at a cruising speed of 70 mph in a mid-size rental car on Interstate 10 between Minneapolis and his up-state destination Red Lake, Eric Henson was a model of sustained multitasking.

He drove the unfamiliar highway and except for slowing down briefly at urban junctions to glance at the directions he had jotted down, he fielded interview questions for more than three hours. Henson, who had flown from Boston to Minneapolis-St. Paul very early that morning, talked through the July afternoon. He mainly discussed his background including his Chickasaw ancestry, his prior work with the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development and his current assignment—a site visit to the Red Lake reservation to gather first-hand information on the band's incredible fish story, the walleye restoration project.

Although he couldn't answer all of my questions about the project, he wasn't reluctant to say he didn't know when he didn't. But Henson is not a man of few words, either. It was obvious both that he had done a lot of research in preparing for tomorrow's one-day visit and that he was anxious to learn a good deal more.

In a nutshell, the Red Lake band of Chippewas discovered to their shock and dismay that after many years of commercially harvesting hundreds of thousands of pounds of walleye annually from their sacred Red

Lake, that by the mid-1990s the population had been drastically reduced, perhaps even fished out. That shocking conclusion probably struck some Red Lakers as an impossibility given the enormous size, 229,000 surface acres, of their lake. (Lake Texoma has 93,000 surface acres.)

But the Red Lake gill netters—the commercial fishermen—knew better. In the 1980s, their boats had been heavy with the day's catch; but by 1996, nobody could make a living from the paltry numbers that were being caught. As a result of the bold action of the fishermen, within two years, the Red Lake council had prohibited all fishing on the lake. Many third and fourth generation gill netters sold their boats and took up logging. Some went to work in the band's gaming casino; others were forced to look for work in Minneapolis or St. Paul. Many of those who stayed joined the upward spiraling ranks of the unemployed. The Red Lake band always had been economically poor, but now a cultural depression settled over the reservation as well.

Less than 10 years later, the walleyes were back and Henson was going there for Harvard to find out how the Red Lake band had accomplished this almost miraculous feat. But just when scientific evidence was revealing the remarkable gains of the tribal restoration effort, and the people were feeling hopeful, a 16-year-old Red Lake boy shot and killed his grandfather then walked over to his high school where, shooting at random, he killed eight more people and wounded ten before shooting and killing himself. The story was an international sensation and almost immediately reporters from around the state and nation descended on Red Lake, Minnesota.

The killings of so many of their own by one of their own was like a ripple in a pond encompassing everyone on the reservation and wherever Red Lake band members lived. In July 2006, people were doubtless still traumatized.

Had Eric broached the subject with his hosts in advance of the visit?

"No."

Would he bring it up?

"I'm sure that sometime tomorrow it will come up."

Henson sped past the exit that would take motorists to the source of the Mississippi River, and for the first time in nearly 250 miles, we rode in silence.

When did being Chickasaw first become meaningful in your life? For some, it is a fact of life but not an important one. For many others, no single moment or event occurred that crystallized the special significance of being Chickasaw. It just always was.

For Eric Henson, his maternal grandmother, Alice Kathryn (nee Blanton) Naylor, was responsible for his breakthrough from merely knowing he was Chickasaw to attaching importance to it. But it wasn't what she told him, it was what she did. Ms Naylor of Hobbs, New Mexico, filled out the Chickasaw citizenship application for Eric and his younger brother and sister.

In the back of his mind he always knew he was part Chickasaw. Old family photographs served as reminders of his Chickasaw ancestry. But growing up in the middle of the great Texas oil patch in Midland and Denver City, he was a long ways removed physically and culturally from his Chickasaw roots.

His remoteness from the tribe changed, or at least started to change, the day he received a Certificate of Degree of Indian blood (CDIB) card indicating that he was a Chickasaw citizen. At first he felt perplexed. If he had not exactly been raised as a west Texas good ole boy, he certainly hadn't been raised Indian either. He decided to write a letter to Chickasaw Governor Bill Anoatubby asking for clarification or assurance that given his background, he wasn't some unusual outlier. *Am I one of you?*

As he recalls, Anoatubby replied that his becoming a Chickasaw citizen was not at all uncommon, that tribal citizens lived across the U.S. "Governor Anoatubby told me if I read the *Chickasaw Times* and voted in tribal elections I would be about as involved as most citizens who live in the Chickasaw Nation."

After this response, he says he started checking "Native American" on forms asking for race and he says he has voted more regularly in Chickasaw elections than non-native elections.

When Eric received the Governor's letter, he was finishing requirements for a master's degree in economics from Southern Methodist University in Dallas—and wondering what career step to take next. A friend who had listened to Eric talk about his interests in economics, but also in government, politics and law noted that these disciplines all converged in the public policy program at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. When this new Chickasaw citizen looked into the Kennedy School, he noted both a happy coincidence and a potential direction in one of the school's components: the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development.

Eric applied and was admitted to Harvard in the fall of 1996. On his first day of classes, he dropped by the office of one of the Harvard Project's co-founders and directors, Dr. Joseph Kalt. As was and is often the case, Kalt was on the road in Indian Country. So Eric told Kalt's assistant Beverly Rogers that he was newly arrived and was very impressed with what he had been reading about the Harvard Project. He wanted to meet Dr. Kalt and learn how he could become involved in the project's research.

Joe Kalt already knew about Eric, having read and been impressed by his Kennedy School entrance application essay on the economic development of the Mississippi Choctaws. "I didn't know that when Joe Kalt and Steve Cornell developed the Harvard Project in 1987, they used the economic development of the Mississippi Choctaws as an example for other tribes to study," Eric recalls. It was another happy coincidence.

Then, when Eric enrolled in one of Professor Kalt's economics classes, Kalt almost immediately recognized that Eric was "clearly the best and smartest student in the class."

After a year of taking Kennedy School core classes, Eric spent

the second year researching and writing his master's thesis under Kalt's supervision. It doubled as a report to the Crow Nation about adopting a uniform commercial code that the tribe would enforce on their reservation in Montana. This was something the tribe wanted help with as a step toward attracting commercial development. Such a code might help improve the Crow's chances of overcoming the obstacles of being physically remote, having a high level of poverty and unemployment and having few businesses and no bank.

Kennedy School students are encouraged to team up on American Indian thesis projects. Eric collaborated with classmate Luxman Nathan in a real-life consulting project. After two months of background research, they spent a week in Crow country, formally and informally meeting with tribal leaders, tribal members and local business people.

"Once after an evening of bingo, we gave a lift home to a man who talked candidly about the tribal court system and law enforcement," Eric says. "It was these kinds of personal anecdotes that gave us a better idea of the kinds of problems people face living on the reservation."

For example, they found that the tribe had very little business law to apply on the reservation. "If someone opened a business and there was a dispute, the tribal court was hamstrung because it lacked precedent cases to examine," Eric says. "You can't invite business people to locate their company on the reservation and say 'Don't worry, we'll work out any problems.' But on the other hand, having a bunch of laws is about as useless if you've never adjudicated a single commercial dispute.

"It became obvious to us and to the Crows that just adopting a commercial code wouldn't help increase economic development. We talked about steps that could be useful regarding the adoption and implementation of a commercial code and tailoring it to meet the tribe's

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'Its About Money'

Path to home ownership a rewarding journey for many

**By ROSS HILL
CEO
Bank2**

Native Americans helping Native Americans; such has been the mission and vision of Bank2 since its inception by the Chickasaw Nation. The purpose of Bank2 is never more evident than when the Native American Mortgage Lending Team has the privilege of helping a Native American experience the joys of home ownership.

Whether it is a million dollar home for a Chickasaw living in Washington, D.C., or a starter home for a young Native American family in Arizona, Bank2 is not only about helping Native Americans discover the path to home ownership but ultimately them realizing home ownership at the end of the journey.

David Biggers takes pride in his Chickasaw heritage and also gains great satisfaction leading the Native American Mortgage Lending Team for Bank2. "The

best part of my job is in helping many of our people purchase their first home. Understanding all that is required to buy a home may be a little overwhelming, but that is where my team comes into play. We enjoy the opportunity to sit down with folks and visit about the steps that will lead them to home ownership," Biggers explained. "Our customers become our friends. We serve them like family. They appreciate our commitment to seeing their dreams come true."

Shereena Starr grew up speaking the Creek language. Her Seminole and Creek heritage puts her in a unique position to understand the culture and challenges faced by many Native Americans seeking a home of their own. "I grew up in a family where my grandparents only spoke the Creek language. I am very aware of the issues and expectations of Native Americans," Shereena said. "Being Native American gives me a special bond with the

people I serve through Bank2 as a loan officer." Starr speaks from experience having either processed or originated more than 200 mortgages for Native Americans in the past two years at Bank2.

David and Shereena spend much of their time visiting and learning about the aspirations of their customers. "We take the time necessary to get to know the needs of those we serve. A big part of what we do is share how the process of becoming a home owner actually works," Biggers said. "I'm convinced that the time and care we take with individuals is the reason why so many of our new clients are referrals from family and friends of existing customers. Other lenders can't match the commitment we make to helping Native Americans."

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Shereena Starr and David Biggers.

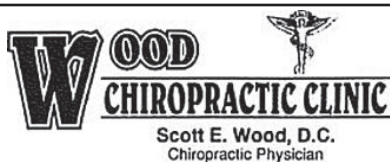
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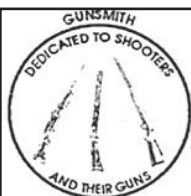
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HOME IMPROVEMENT LOAN PROGRAM: Do you need to make improvements to your home but just don't have the money?

Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development's Home Improvement Loan Program may be the answer. Maximum loan amount is \$30,000.00; interest rate is 5% and maximum term is 10 years. You must be able to qualify for the loan, must have fee simple title and cannot already have a 2nd mortgage for home improvements. Available only for Chickasaws and employees of the Chickasaw Nation in the State of Oklahoma. Work must be completed by a licensed contractor.

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needs. For example, since the Crow has a tradition of clan elders overseeing disputes, they could write into their code that if both parties were agreeable, the dispute would be handled by a circle of clan elders."

These and many other recommendations were made in April 1998, in a lengthy but readable report called "Tool of Sovereignty: The Crow Commercial Code." The document has been accessible for years via the Harvard Project's website by keying in the title. Joe Kalt told me that of the dozens of reports available on the website, it still generates among the most hits because reservation tribes are vitally interested in economic development.

When he moved to Cambridge, Eric assumed he would return to Texas or some other "warm weather spot," after completing his master's degree. But by early 1998, he knew he wanted to become apart of what some Harvard Project staffers Amy Besaw, Jackie Old Coyote and Catherine Curtis good naturedly called the "Joe Show." Kalt not only co-directed the Harvard Project and taught classes, he also was senior staff at an internationally known consulting company with big corporate clients who could avail themselves of legal, economic and public policy expertise.

Early in Eric's time at the Kennedy School, Kalt suggested to Eric that he contact the consulting firm that was the forerunner of today's Lexecon. It was and is located in Cambridge and is a Harvard Square neighbor of the offices of the Harvard Project. By April--the same month his thesis on the Crow was complete--Eric was hired by Lexecon as full-time staff and joined the Harvard Project as a non-paid research fellow.

He still has both appointments, and says Lexecon colleague Steve Makowka, Eric functions as Joe Kalt's de facto chief of staff. Most requests from tribes go to Kalt because he has been performing valuable service in Indian Country since the late 1970s. Assisted by Eric's judgment, knowledge and organizational skills, Kalt manages to handle all of his jobs, including overseeing research fellows and students with remarkable effectiveness, says Makowka.

With Lexecon, Eric provides economic and financial analysis in the energy industry and economic development and government design expertise for tribal clients who are billed at the going hourly rate. But Lexecon indirectly supports tribal development by permitting and encouraging interested staff to contribute to outside interests such as the services of the Harvard Project. "As long as I get my work done and our clients are satisfied, I am free to work into my schedule assignments for the Harvard Project," Eric says.

That consists mainly of accepting research requests to the Harvard Project, participating in two-day executive education programs for tribes and serving as a site visitor for the Honoring Nations program. The latter, founded in 1998 by Kalt with support from the Ford Foundation, was developed to identify and publicize nationally tribal government programs and initiatives that have been especially effective in meeting needs and addressing substantial challenges. Not only that, but the honored programs are also sustainable and can be replicated by other tribes.

Honoring Nations does what it can to counter the negative and depressing news from Indian Country--high levels of poverty, unemployment, alcohol and substance abuse, diabetes, homicide and suicide--that is so often reported by the media. While Red Lake has a distressingly high incidence of each pestilence, Eric's visit to the reservation last July was to report on the band's remarkable and singular achievement, the walleye recovery program.

Early last July 12, Eric was joined at Red Lake by Ian Record, who normally specializes in tribal leadership training for the Harvard Project affiliated Native Nations Institute at the University of Arizona. Record was making his first Honoring Nations site visit. For this reason Eric usually took the lead, but Ian also contributed useful questions, observations and subsequently coauthored the site report. They met with three members of the Red Lake Department of Natural Resources to listen to their account of how

and why the band's sacred fish, the walleye, had been depleted disastrously in about a decade and then replenished in the big lake less than a decade later.

It was a success story that combined sacrifice, science, dedication, and cooperation with the state of Minnesota, which controls about 15 percent of the northeastern portion of the lake. Then, the Red Lake band, the state of Minnesota and the University of Minnesota collaborated to implement restoration through massive stockings of recently hatched fish, stringent enforcement of the fishing ban and data collection to track quantity, diversity and other important factors.

The DNR leadership (director Al Pemberton, administrative coordinator Dave Conner and fisheries biologist Pat Brown) previously had provided enough information to Honoring Nations about the restoration program for it to have been selected from about ninety proposals received as one of sixteen programs to merit a site visit. All sixteen would be honored in Sacramento in October, but only about half would be designated for "High Honors." In addition to this distinction, those tribes would receive \$10,000 to enhance publicizing their program.

An Honoring Nations site visit is usually "like kicking the tires, so to speak," according to Harvard Project research fellow Kenneth Grant. Most programs are pretty much as described



This is one of the ways the Red Lake band of Chippewa samples the walleye population periodically.

in the application process. But site visitors seek feedback not just from the leadership but tribal members as well to see if concerns are voiced, and if they seem valid, to note them in the report.

So in advance of the visit, Eric had asked to speak to any critics of the program. As the morning session was breaking up, Eric reiterated that request. He was assured that a cross-section of Red Lake members would be attending the lunch meeting.

Lunch featured an abundance of delicious fried and broiled walleye and Red Lake wild rice, which the band plants, harvests and sells through its company, Red Lake Foods. About twenty-five tribal members and employees had been invited. Following lunch, the chair, Floyd "Buck" Jourdain delivered eloquent remarks about what the pro-

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Meet WIC Breastfeeding peer counselor Jessica Cox



Jessica Cox and daughter Jaylye.

Jessica Cox recently began working as a Breastfeeding Peer Counselor with the Chickasaw Nation WIC program. She is very passionate about her duties as a peer counselor. This is her story:

"A year ago this December we were blessed with a beautiful baby girl, Jaylye Renee'. During my pregnancy, my doctor had mentioned several times the benefits of breastfeeding. I thought about it, but bottle

feeding is the 'norm' in our family. Being a young mom, I was worried what everyone would think.

At that point, I was not on Chickasaw WIC and did not have anyone to talk to about breastfeeding, except our doctor. While in his office one day, I saw a poster on the wall that stated about 80% of babies that die of S.I.D.S are not breastfed. I thought what an amazing number and that pushed me to do what I had wanted to do in my heart all along. I decided right then and there to breastfeed.

Three weeks before my due date, I had gone in for a routine check up and was sent to the hospital to have an emergency C-section. Since this was my first child, I thought I would have her on my "due date" and I had all this time left to prepare. Little did I know on that day going into the doctor that when I left, I would have my baby with me.

The only thing I knew about breastfeeding was the little information my doctor had told me, the pamphlets I had read and the book I was reading to try and educate myself about breastfeeding. I was so nervous. At the hospital, the lactation consultant helped me get started, but I kept thinking what happens when I go home and I'm all on my own? Who will I call when I have a problem? Luckily, my family and friends totally supported me and my doctor set small goals for me at first. Every time I would meet him, he extended my goals a little bit. Initially it was the first four weeks and when I met that goal, I kept going.

On Jaylye's four month check up, he said it would be great if I could keep going to six months, on the six month visit it was nine months, on her nine month visit he set the year goal mark for me. I know I can make it. I have made it this far.

When I saw this position advertised in the paper, I thought what a dream job. I can be of assistance to other women that are trying to do the same thing I am, meet a goal, and give the best possible nourishment for their baby. I can be there for a mother to call day or night if she has a problem. I can go to the hospital if she requests me to and help her get started. Being a WIC mom myself I cannot express to you what a wonderful and very beneficial program this is. I wish I had the support we give while I was pregnant. I could have been more educated like the moms in our program.

Next time you're out in public and you see a mom nursing her baby, don't frown upon her. She is giving her baby a wonderful gift. Instead, give a breastfeeding mom your loving support!"

Jessica Stokes and her husband, Mike, and their daughter Jaylye make their home in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.

The WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor program was established to provide support and education to mothers who want to breastfeed. Peer Counselors are available in all WIC locations and surrounding areas in the following cities: Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Sulphur, Pauls Valley, Duncan and Purcell. Debra Cox, a board certified Lactation Consultant, coordinates the program and offers specialized help to moms having difficulties establishing breastfeeding.

The goal is to make breastfeeding the preferred method of infant feeding for all mothers as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. For help and support in the area of breastfeeding call (580) 399-2002, (580) 310-6420, or the toll free breastfeeding warm line, (888) 439-8970.

Grandparents can have an important role in breastfeeding

Grandparents can play an important role in the lives of their grandchildren. Their children and grandchildren look to them for strength and wisdom. Their experiences as a parent are valuable, and grandparents can be helpful by being supportive and respectful of a new parent's desire to breastfeed.

Breastmilk is the healthiest food for babies. It is easier to digest and causes less diarrhea, constipation and colic. Breastmilk also contains antibodies to help protect against infection and reduces the baby's chance of becoming obese or developing diabetes and other diseases. It also lowers the risk for asthma, allergies and certain cancers. Breastmilk contains ingredients that promote brain growth.

Breastfeeding is best for mothers, too. Breastfeeding helps the mother's uterus return to pre-pregnancy shape, helps her lose weight quicker and reduces her risk for breast and ovarian cancer and osteoporosis.

Grandparents can support breastfeeding whether they breastfed or not by letting mom know how proud you are that she is breastfeeding. Breastfeeding can be hard at first. Take

your daughter or granddaughter to get help if she needs it. Until mom's milk comes in, usually between the third and fifth day, her colostrum (early milk) is the only food her baby needs. Get to know your grandbaby's hunger cues like turning his head in search of mom's breast, sucking his fist and making sucking noises. Try not to wait for him to cry before bringing her to mom to feed. A newborn's tummy is about the size of his fist. He will need to nurse often, every 1 1/2 to 2 hours, around the clock. Feeding a baby anything other than breastmilk during the first few weeks interferes with breastfeeding. After mom's milk supply is well established, at about four to six weeks, expressed breastmilk can be given from a bottle.

Grandparents can also be helpful in other ways, like taking steps to prepare for the baby's arrival. Gather information, books, and videos about caring for babies. Attend a WIC class for new parents and learn new facts about caring for infants. Things that parents did 20 years ago may not be the healthiest choices today.

Doing these things will help

grandparents be more prepared to help their children care for their own children.

Things grandparents can do for new parents include letting mom and baby rest the first few days, limiting visitors and helping with housework. Grandparents can also help care for the baby by changing diapers, bathing and dressing him, singing and talking to her and remembering to let mom feed the baby.

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gram meant to him and band members, and then departed to resume his re-election campaigning. Former chair Bobby Whitefeather provided historical background up through the agreements to stop all fishing on Red Lake. Some of the former Red Lake commercial fishermen spoke passionately about their former lives and the painful step of voting to end that way of life in 1996.

One large man with a pony tail spoke about the cultural value of the lake and the walleye to members. But when he was asked to elaborate on a point, he suddenly seemed to sense that the visitors were trying to elicit privileged cultural information. In a tone-of-voice that bordered on anger, he told his Red Lake brethren that “we don’t know

these visitors and what they are going to do with the information we are giving them.”

Eric helped to defuse this suddenly tense situation both with his manner and words. He briefly noted that the point of Honoring Nations was to help tribes share information about their remarkable achievements with other tribes and the American public. Eric’s Harvard Project colleagues had all witnessed his remarkable ability to put sometimes suspicious, defensive people at ease. Kenny Grant: “Eric is very bright, but he carries a degree of humility and respect that enables him to earn trust quicker than most folks.” Professor Kalt: “He’s one of the nicest human beings you’ll ever meet, and at the same time he is absolutely dedicated to working

with tribes and holding himself to high quality standards.”

During the hour, the Red Lake tragedy was alluded to only indirectly, but later on a driving tour of the reservation, Al Pemberton nodded toward the high school and said that the door we could see was the one that the shooter used on that horrible day in March of 2005. He said that every band member knew or was related to one or more of the nine who died that day. The grieving is not over, he said.

Later, I asked Eric if the Red Lake tragedy had been discussed by the Honoring Nations advisory board when they were winnowing down the list of proposals from 90 to 16. “It was mentioned, but I don’t believe it was a factor,” he said. “Many tribes have poverty, unemploy-

ment, lots of chronic illnesses. If you start trying to consider these, you’ll be on a slippery slope of comparing one tribe’s hardships with another, and you won’t be focusing on what’s important, the tribe’s achievement.

At a barbeque rib dinner that evening at Dave Conner’s house, Dave and Al talked about a troubling manifestation of the band’s walleye success. “Now that the lake is full of fish again, a private group and a couple of state politicians have been challenging our sovereignty, saying that Red Lake is not ours, Pemberton said. “We listen to this rhetoric, “but our forefathers saved this land for us. We hold it sacred and we will not give it up.”

Back at the motel, Eric and Ian discussed the day’s events, which also included a late afternoon fishing trip on one of the

reservation’s smaller lakes. Eric singled out some especially enjoyable site visits, but insisted he has enjoyed and benefited from all. “I’ve made quite a few over the years and I hope to keep it up for quite a few more. It’s great to meet tribal people this way; people who have accomplished so much often against great odds. And it’s really cool to play a role in honoring their achievements and getting out the good news from Indian Country.”

Afterword: The Red Lake Band was one of eight groups to be awarded High Honors from Harvard’s Honoring Nations program. Eric was privileged to be present in Sacramento as Dave, Pat and Al received the award at the annual meeting of the National Congress of American Indians on October 3.

Directory established for tribal entrepreneurs

A directory of businesses owned by Chickasaws is being created to help promote economic opportunity for tribal entrepreneurs.

There is no cost to be listed in the directory, which will include the name of the business, contact and location informa-

tion, as well as information on the goods or services provided by the business.

In addition to a printed directory, a web site will be created to enable electronic access to all information.

Chickasaws with a CDIB who

would like to be listed in the directory should provide the information requested on the form below via email to vicky.gold@chickasaw.net or complete the form below and return to *The Chickasaw Times*, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.

CHICKASAW NATION BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Date of submission: _____ Regional Chickasaw Council: _____

Company Name: _____

Parent Company name (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Street Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Email address: _____

Owner’s Name: _____ Owner’s Title: _____

Other contact person: _____

Brief description of product/services (be specific): _____

Ownership Information:

List all shareholders, officers directors or outside firms that hold an interest in the company. List the percentage of the business they own and list if they possess a CDIB and Tribal affiliation.:

Name/Title	Percent Ownership	CDIB	Tribal Affiliation
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

State of the Native Nations

Chickasaw citizen Eric Henson is a major contributor and coordinator of a book on current American Indian affairs that will be published by Oxford University Press this February. Titled *The State of the Native Nations: Conditions under U.S. Policies of Self-Determination*, the book provides recent research findings and observations on topics such as tribal government, political activism, economic development, housing, health and welfare and the arts.

Henson collaborated with Jonathan Taylor and several other Harvard Project colleagues to turn what was planned to be a 30 page report for the Ford Foundation into a major book that will be distributed to all federally recognized tribes.

Among the findings:

Indian America is sending a message to the world that

“We’re still here, we’re strong in our identities, and we will determine who and what we are.”

Despite recent progress in tribal governance, tribes are still plagued with funding shortfalls, inadequate infrastructure on many reservations and the erratic and paternalistic actions of the federal government.

The Native press is “filled with stories of tribes suffering from political infighting, continued economic hardship, and an unraveling of the social fabric that had previously held communities together.”

Not all state-tribal interactions are confrontational. New models of cooperation and dispute resolution, bolstered by some states’ explicit recognition of tribes as governments, are helping alleviate some tensions without litigation.



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Woods to the board of directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation issued by the secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior provides that the terms of office of each board member shall be three years. With this being the first reappointment for Mr. Woods, he will fill a full three-year term, beginning with the ratification of appointment, and ending on October 1, 2009.

A motion was made by Mr. McManus and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR24-003.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-003 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 24-004, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Garvin County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Paoli, Garvin County, Oklahoma, described as a tract of land containing approximately 10 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Ms. Alexander explained she would not support this resolution because an appraisal price or the asking price was not provided. Dr. Goforth Parker stated she had the information and asked if the Legislature would consider going into Executive Session to discuss the matter. Chairperson Scott Colbert stated he would not call an Executive Session.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert and seconded by Ms. Alexander to table GR24-004.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

4 yes votes

Members voting no: Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott

6 no votes

The motion to table GR24-004 failed.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Easterling to go into executive session.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

9 votes

Members voting no: Tim Colbert

1 no vote

The motion to go into executive session carried.

The Legislature went into executive session at 9:33 a.m. and reconvened at 9:40 a.m.

A motion was made by Ms. Alexander and seconded by Mr. Woerz to table GR24-004.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

6 yes votes

Members voting no: Linda Briggs, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott

4 no votes

The motion to table GR24-004 carried.

General Resolution Number 24-005, Oil and Gas Lease in Sequoyah and LeFlore Counties (Tribal Tract 139)

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Mining Lease in favor of Sedna Energy, Inc., Ft. Smith, Arkansas who submitted an acceptable bid of \$75.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$30,441.75. The Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$3,805.22, on property belonging to the Cherokee, Chickasaw, and Choctaw Nations in Sequoyah and LeFlore Counties, Oklahoma, USA in trust for the Cherokee Nation, The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, and the Chickasaw Nation. The lease contains 70.31 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of

\$1,217.67 of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$152.21 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve GR24-005.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-005 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 24-006, Oil and Gas Lease in Sequoyah and LeFlore Counties (Tribal Tract 140)

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Mining Lease in favor of Sedna Energy, Inc., Ft. Smith, Arkansas who submitted an acceptable bid of \$207.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$14,554.17. The Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$1,819.27, on property belonging to the Cherokee, Chickasaw, and Choctaw Nations in Sequoyah and LeFlore Counties, Oklahoma, USA in Trust for the Cherokee Nation, The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, and the Chickasaw Nation. The lease contains 70.31 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$210.93 of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$26.37 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR24-006.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-006 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 24-007, Utility Easement in Stephens County

This resolution approves a ten foot utility easement and a 22 foot utility easement to the City of Duncan, Oklahoma, a municipal corporation, for constructing, maintaining and

operating public utilities across property owned by the Chickasaw Nation in Stephens County, Oklahoma.

Compensation for these utility easements is waived for providing utility services to the Duncan Senior Site.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR24-007.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-007 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 24-008, Seismic Permit in Garvin County (Bedré Chocolate Factory)

This resolution approves a seismic permit in favor of Eagle Land and Minerals Company, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for a seismic permit across property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation for an access fee of \$7.00 per acre for a total of \$70.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$70.00, for a term commencing on June 22, 2006 (the "Effective Date"), regardless of the actual date of execution, and shall terminate on or before December 31, 2007, if the Grantee fails to commence seismic operations.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR24-008.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

10 yes votes

The motion to approve

GR24-008 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

No report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Pro Tempore Committee Chair Tim Colbert

No report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mrs. 'Rena Duncan was on the agenda for comments, but was not present.

Ms. Jeannie Lundsford advocated October as being Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Mr. James Humes reiterated the issues of the need for an incorporation act, car tags, a change in the session date, and for services for those living outside of the Chickasaw Nation.

Ms. Sue Simmons made comments regarding a Chickasaw funeral home, ownership of real property, and candidate filing fees being raised.

Mr. Mike Watson suggested several ways to honor deceased Legislators.

AGENDA ITEM #8 A D-JOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Briggs, Secretary Chickasaw Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Legislature



ACT seeking secondary teachers to help in test development

IOWA CITY, Iowa – ACT is looking for outstanding secondary school teachers to participate in a summer program designed to help develop and evaluate ACT's test materials and classroom support materials.

ACT's Visiting Teacher Program seeks four teachers from middle school, junior high or high school with experience teaching minority students. Started in 1995, the Visiting Teacher Program brings teachers from across the United States to ACT's national headquarters in Iowa City, Iowa.

During their six-week stay, teachers will use their classroom experience and expertise in one of two ways:

To review, evaluate and develop ACT's test materials and make recommendations for improvement. To review and develop instructional support materials that will be used to ori-

ent teachers to the many uses of ACT's tests.

Secondary school science, mathematics and language arts teachers are eligible for the program. Minority teachers are especially encouraged to apply.

The six-week program begins June 18 and runs through July 27, 2007. Teachers will receive a stipend of \$5,500 and round-trip transportation between their home and Iowa City. ACT will secure and partially subsidize housing for the visiting teachers.

LaDonna Strasbaugh, a math teacher from Ardmore, Oklahoma, who participated in the program during the summer of 2006, said, "Writing the units taught me a lot! I also enjoyed and learned from watching (the teachers) work together. ... The workshops were wonderful."

To apply, teachers need to submit a completed applica-

tion, available online at ACT's website at www.act.org/path/secondary/visit.html. Teachers will also need to send a current resume and two letters of recommendation from persons familiar with their professional background. Application materials can be sent to:

Visiting Teacher Program
(32)

Elementary and Secondary
School Programs

ACT National Office

P.O. Box 168

Iowa City, IA 52243-0168

Applications can also be faxed to (319) 341-2335. The deadline for applications is December 29, 2006.

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Opal Ogle



Opal Ogle, 82, of Oceanside, Calif., died Sept. 28, 2006. Graveside services and interment were Oct. 13, 2006 at Rosecrans National Cemetery where she was buried next to her husband.

She was born Dec. 18, 1922 in Connerville, Okla., to Luther and Sarah Hilton.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed painting and golf.

She is preceded in death by her husband, CDR Robert J. Ogle, USN (Ret.).

She is survived by three sisters, Jewell Hilton Bonner, San Diego, Maudie Hilton Long, Carson City, Nev., and Merle Hilton McLaughlin, Oklahoma City.

Dorothy Ann Mason Jones



Dorothy Ann Mason Jones of Cushing, Okla., died Nov. 11, 2006. She was born September 8, 1925 at Denison, Texas to Albert W. and Helen Mason.

She grew up in Durant, Okla. She attended Monticello College in Alton, Ill., and went on to the University of Oklahoma, Norman, where she was an honor student and a member of Mortar Board and Delta Delta Delta sorority.

She was active in the community, having served as the president and treasurer of Hypatia

Club, and many offices in PEO and was a member of DAR.

Through the Hypatia Club, she was instrumental in the planning of Cushing's Festival in the Park. From 1989 to 1993, she served as president and board member for the House Corporation for the Theta Gamma chapter of Delta Delta Delta where she was instrumental in the remodeling of the chapter house. She served as a lay reader at St. Alban's Episcopal Church where she was also treasurer and bookkeeper. She was a member of the board of directors at the First National Bank in Durant.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Robert C. Jones; a daughter Juliet Jones-Moss and husband Robert Moss; sons Robert C. Jones Jr., and wife Jana and William C. Jones, and wife Renee; grandchildren, Josh, Jessica, Shawn and Nathan.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a daughter Ann Mason Jones.

Memorial services were November 14, 2006 at the First Presbyterian Church with Father Paul Ostrander conducting services.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the American Cancer Society or the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation.

You may share your condolences with the Jones family at www.davisfh.net.

Juanita Faye Blackwell



Juanita Faye Blackwell, 67, Ada, Okla., died Nov. 7, 2006 at Carl Albert Indian Hospital, Ada. Services were Nov. 10, 2006 at Oil Center (OK) Pentecostal Holiness Church with

Rev. Quinton Kay officiating and assisted by Rev. Lorene Bratcher. Interment followed in Maxwell Cemetery.

She was born June 10, 1939 at Lawton, Okla., to Edith Iona Moore.

She married Claude Blackwell, Nov. 7, 1959 at Wichita Falls, Texas.

Mrs. Blackwell attended Mill Creek and Snyder Schools while growing up. She moved to Ada in 1974 from Tulsa. She previously lived in Broken Arrow, Okla., Amarillo, Texas, and Comanche, Okla. She was a homemaker and a member of the Free Will Baptist Church, Healthy Hearts Club and the Women's Church Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Iona Moore.

She is survived by her husband, Claude Blackwell, of the home; sons, Kevin Blackwell and wife, Darla, Owasso, Okla., Philip Blackwell, of the home; daughter, Pam Stone and husband, Jimmy, Ada; a brother, William Duncan and wife, Velma, Arkoma, Okla.; a sister, Joyce Haas, San Diego, Calif., 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Wayne Masoner, Mark Masoner, Joel Masoner, Kenny Sleigh, Andy Teachey and Ricky Allen.

Honorary pallbearers were Ly Wood, Jim McCann, Bill Briggs and Bill Bratcher.

The family request memorial be made to the American Cancer Society Memorial Program.

Russell Roger Sticks



Services for Russell Roger "Russ" Sticks, 59, Ada, were Nov. 8, 2006 at Criswell Funeral Home Chapel, Ada, Okla., the Rev. Larry Hawkins officiating. Burial followed in Johnson

Family Cemetery. Mr. Sticks died Nov. 5, 2006, at a local hospital.

He was born Dec. 20, 1946, at Allen, Okla., to Morris and Salina Walker Sticks.

He attended school at Allen and graduated from Allen High School before entering the U. S. Army in 1965. He attended Non-commissioned Officer Academy at Fort Carson, Colorado-Oklahoma City, Leadership School at Fort Polk, La., and completed a four-week loss prevention seminar. He attended OSU Tech, Oklahoma City. Mr. Sticks was employed at Western Electrical, GE, Honeywell Inf. System, ANR Freight System, retired from Roadway FRT System and was manager of a department store for 10 years.

He married Martha Cannon Aug. 24, 1996, at Irving, Texas.

He was of the Methodist faith.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Raymond "Ray" and Billy Joe "B.J."; and sister, Oleta.

Survivors include his wife Martha Sticks; a son, Rusty Sticks; a daughter, Stacy McCormick and husband Michael; grandchildren, Tiana Sticks, Garret Ammerman, Kelci Ammerman and Hadley McCormick; brothers-in-law, Bob Cannon and wife Rosemary, and Rucker Lewis and wife Marianne; several half brothers and sisters; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Bearers are Neal Burris, Patrick Burris, Derik Holtz, Wayne Smith, Buster Smith and Malcolm Smith.

Honorary bearers are Dr. Dub Dicketts, David Burris, Gabe Burris and the Chickasaw Nation Transportation Department.

Irene F. Merillat

Irene F. Merillat of Adrian, Mich., died July 22, 2006 at Toledo Hospital. Services were July 25, 2006.

She was born Aug. 30, 1925 in Mill Creek, Okla., to Harry A. Foraker and Flossie Alexander Foraker, an original enrollee. She was the granddaughter of original enrollee James Alexander.

She graduated from Seminole

(OK) High School in 1943. Shortly after she moved to Michigan. On Dec. 31, 1946 she married Elwyn Merillat.

She had previously worked at Simples Industries and Gerity Incorporation. She enjoyed bird watching and spending her summers in Northern Michigan with her family.

She is survived by her husband, Elwyn; sons, Raymond (Debra) of Hollaway, Mich., and Brian (Elizabeth); a daughter, Roseanna Merillat; a stepdaughter, Marlene and her husband Ron Sturgeon, all of Adrian, Mich.; brothers, Douglas Foraker, of Shawnee, Okla., and Bob (Joyce) Foraker, of Maysville, Okla.; sisters, Vivianna Wallace, of Seminole, and Olive Bickerstaff, of Adrian, Mich.; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren; and five step-great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Dennis Kevin Cooper

Dennis Kevin Cooper, 50, of Pinole, Calif., died Oct. 27, 2006.

He was born Jan. 29, 1956 at Clark Air Force Base, Pangasinan, Philippine Islands.

He graduated from Pinole Valley High School in 1974 and was a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

He loved hunting, fishing, and the Oakland Raiders. He enjoyed spending time with friends and brother-in-law Michael Boring.

He is survived by his sons, Randy and Trevor Cooper; parents, Patricia and Don Bowman; uncle, Glenn Brumley; sisters, Rene Boring and Dani Bowman; brothers, Nick Dooper, Dana Cooper and David Bowman.

The family appreciates the care Hospice provided.

He will be missed forever by his family.

At his request there will not be a service.

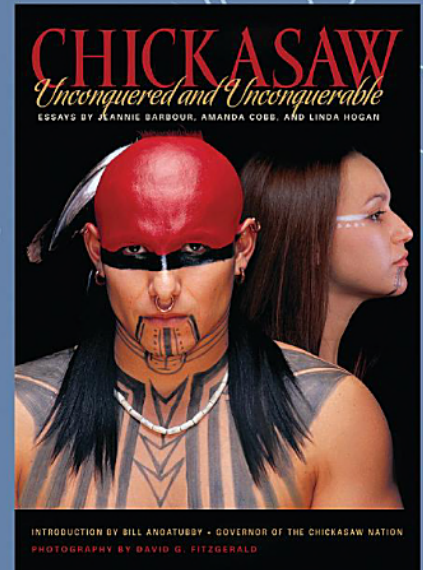


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